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SAINTS

Puel: we are to blame

CLAUDE Puel admitted Saints had nobody to blame but themselves as they now face a potential nine games in January following a 2-2 FA Cup draw at Norwich.

Saints conceded two sloppy goals to lose a game they largely dominated at Carrow Road, and now have a replay to come at St Mary's.

Should Saints get through they will face a remarkable nine games in the space of this month, including the two legs of EFL Cup semi-final and some vital Premier League matches.

Steven Naismith's injury time equaliser was a sickener for Saints, but Puel was making no excuses.

He said: "I think of course it's a big disappointment because I have the feeling we control the game, we control the ball and we score two fantastic goals with Virgil and Maya.

"We can do the most difficult we believe with the second goal and I think it's our fault to give an opportunity in the last minute to this team to come back on the game.

"It is a big disappointment and, I agree, with another game it is a strong January month and this is difficult.

"They know this, all my players know this, because we make many games since the beginning of the season and one week it would have been interesting to recover but now this is not possible.

"It is important to see the next game and to take game after game with a good concentration and not like the last five minutes and to try to have clean sheets and good results and step by step to make good work."



Claude Puel.

NORWICH 2 SAINTS 2



Maya Yoshida celebrates scoring Saints' second goal.

Adam Leitch



Steven Naismith struck in injury time to add to Saints' recent woes as they were held to a 2-2 draw by Championship side Norwich in the FA Cup third round.

It had seemed as if Saints were going to put three consecutive defeats behind them and head into the fourth round as centre halves Virgil van Dijk and Maya Yoshida scored either side of Steven Whittaker converting from the penalty spot after a horrible error from debutante 19-year-old keeper Harry Lewis.

However, Naismith had the final say and ensured Saints will have to suffer a replay they could well do without in an already packed January fixture schedule.

Saints started on the front foot and nearly created something significant after just three minutes as Shane Long stood up a cross from the right by-line that eventually fell to Dusan Tadic, but his shot was blocked.

Harry Lewis was a spectator for the opening stages as Saints had

TEAM NEWS

SAINTS: Lewis, Stephens, Yoshida, van Dijk, Bertrand, Hojbjerg, Reed, Ward-Prowse, Tadic, Sims, Long.
Subs: Taylor, McQueen, Romeu, Clasie, Davis, Redmond, Rodriguez.

NORWICH: McGovern, Whittaker, Martin, Klose, Olsson, Tettey, Howson, Jo. Murphy, Naismith, Pritchard, Jerome.
Subs: Jones, Jarvis, Lafferty, Ja. Murphy, Bennett, Morris, Godfrey.

CLAUDE Puel handed a sensational Saints debut to

all the play, until they conceded a central free kick 25 yards out.

Alex Pritchard struck it on target and, although it was a fairly routine save for Lewis down to his right, he dealt with it solidly, with confidence and showed no nerves on his debut.

Pritchard had another chance from almost exactly the same spot on 14 minutes but this time it was an awful effort that sailed well over the bar.

The game was fairly open with both sides willing play to the ball

19-year-old keeper Harry Lewis.

He replaced Fraser Forster as Puel protected a few players ahead of the EFL Cup semi-final first leg against Liverpool.

In defence, Virgil van Dijk returned from suspension and Ryan Bertrand from illness but want away Jose Fonte was not in the matchday squad.

Oriol Romeu was rested while Shane Long led the line.

Sofiane Boufal is away on Africa Cup of Nations duty.

on the deck and pass it.

Saints looked the stronger due to the extra quality in their ranks, and the fact they were getting runners breaking forward.

Norwich created the next opening as Steven Naismith cut the ball back to Jonny Howson on the edge of the box but his shot was deflected wide.

Tadic forced Michael McGovern into a first meaningful save on 20 minutes with a curling left footed free kick from 25 yards out, but it was relatively central and the

Norwich keeper dived to his right to push it away.

Saints created a fantastic chance on 27 minutes as they went on a quick counter attack.

A terrific pass from Josh Sims picked out the run of Long who had the chance to shoot on the half volley from inside the area but he fired across goal and over.

Long managed to hit the target with a header ten minutes later but McGovern was able to turn it over the bar.

There was nothing the Norwich stopper could to keep out Virgil van Dijk's fantastic finish as the corner came back to Tadic on the right and he whipped in a cross.

Van Dijk swivelled and hit a wonderful volley from the far edge of the six yard box that rocketed into the opposite bottom corner to give Saints the lead.

That was the last significant action of the first half and with Saints having looked comfortable in defence for the vast majority of the game it gave them every chance of sealing a fairly routine win in the second period.

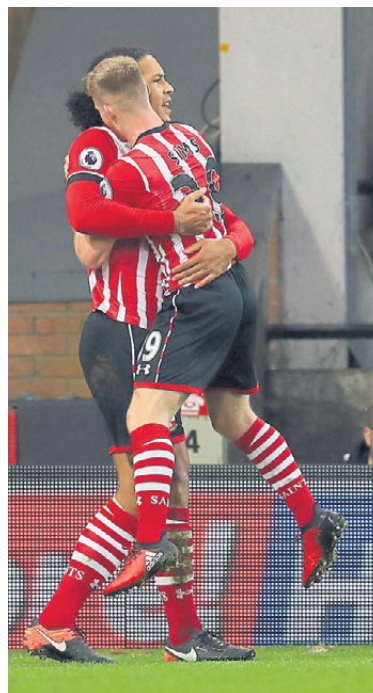
Norwich showed their intent to try and get back into it just two minutes after the restart as Josh Murphy forced his way forward

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Norwich keeper Michael McGovern punches clear from Josh Sims.



Virgil van Dijk celebrates with Josh Sims.



Southampton's Nathan Redmond and Martin Olsson.



Steven Naismith and Virgil van Dijk battle for the ball.

Musa brace wins Cup tie for Leicester

EVERTON 1 LEICESTER 2

A quickfire brace from substitute Ahmed Musa saw Leicester come from behind to win 2-1 at Everton and book their place in the FA Cup fourth round.

What had been a lacklustre third-round tie very much came to life just after the hour mark, with Romelu Lukaku's close-range finish in the 63rd minute cancelled out three minutes later by one from Musa.

Four minutes later, the Nigeria forward scored the winner with a cool strike as Everton - last season's semi-finalists - were sent crashing out.

Certainly, this all-Premier League clash took time to warm up.

After Leonardo Ulloa glanced a header just wide of their goal in the fourth minute, Everton showed some early signs of threat as Lukaku and Enner Valencia each produced decent crosses that Ross Barkley and Seamus Coleman, respectively, were unable to finish.

But the hosts then found themselves stifled for much of the rest of the first half by Leicester, while Foxes debutant Wilfried Ndidi had a shot low blocked and Demarai Gray was thwarted by Toffees goalkeeper Joel Robles.

Musa was introduced to a contest that had been seriously low on entertainment in the 35th minute, replacing the injured Ulloa, before Everton started to look a bit more dynamic again towards the end of the first half.

What appeared to be the best chance of the opening 45 minutes went unconverted by Lukaku in the 42nd as he headed wide at the far post after being teed up by Valencia, and the Belgium striker then tried his luck again moments later, firing a shot over from outside the box.

Everton boss Ronald Koeman attempted to give his side added attacking impetus by bringing on Gerard Deulofeu for Mason Holgate as the second half got under way.

And after one shot from Valencia was blocked and another acrobatically fired wide by the Ecuadorian - either side of Wes Morgan having a header saved by Robles - it was Deulofeu who provided the cross from which Lukaku tapped in to make it 1-0.

But Leicester responded swiftly as Musa drew things level with a finish at the second attempt, bundling the ball in after it had initially hit the post following Gray's delivery.

And Musa then struck again within moments to stun Goodison Park, combining with Danny Drinkwater and slotting well past Robles.

As the home side applied pressure in search of an equaliser, Kevin Mirallas - who had come on for Valencia - brought a good save out of Leicester goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel.

But it was too little too late from Everton, as Claudio Ranieri's men closed out the victory.

and lashed a shot into the side netting.

Josh Sims became the first player to go in the book after kicking the ball away having been caught offside.

Lewis had a nightmare moment as he took a heavy touch trying to control a standard back pass and it cost Saints their lead on 52 minutes.

Cameron Jerome had chased Lewis down and got ahead of him in the race to catch the ball after the loose touch. The Norwich striker was running out of the box but Lewis dived in from behind with a needless challenge and brought Jerome down.

There was little debate over the award of a penalty from referee Chris Kavanagh and Lewis was unable to atone for the horror error; diving the wrong way as Steven Whittaker produced a cool finish from the spot.

Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg tried to restore the advantage with a well struck from outside the area but it was straight at McGovern who held on.

Puel made a double change on 63 minutes in a bid to get the win

with Oriol Romeu and Jay Rodriguez replacing Long and Reed.

McGovern was made to work hard to keep Saints out on 65 minutes as Tadic hit an excellent half volley from just inside the area but the keeper dived to turn it over.

Saints got the lead a minute later through a stunning header by Maya Yoshida. Norwich were briefly down to ten men with centre half Timm Klose off the pitch receiving treatment and Saints took full advantage with Yoshida arriving in the area to meet Hojbjerg's right wing cross with a bullet header from eight yards out that arrowed through the arms of the helpless McGovern.

Norwich made their first changes with Jacob Murphy and Ryan Bennett coming on for Josh Murphy and Klose.

Rodriguez nearly sealed it as he broke forward and got in a left footed shot but it whistled wide of the near post.

Both sides made their final change with 11 minutes remaining with Nathan Redmond getting a runout against his former club in place of Sims while Kyle

Lafferty replaced Pritchard for Norwich.

Lewis made a strong save at his near post to keep out a drilled effort from Jacob Murphy as the Canaries chased an equaliser.

The fourth official held up the board to show there would be four minutes of stoppage time for

Saints to see out.

They were unable to do that as Whittaker was given time to measure a right wing cross that was met by the head of Steven Naismith, totally unmarked in the area. He glanced a header into the far corner to seal a draw and a replay Saints could do without.

Wolves stun Stoke with sharp play

STOKE 0 WOLVES 2

Wolves won an FA Cup tie for the first time in six years to stun Stoke 2-0 at the bet365 Stadium.

Well-taken goals from Helder Costa and Matt Doherty, who sealed the upset 10 minutes from time with a lovely free-kick, gave Wolves a first victory in the competition since 2011 – the year that Stoke made the final under Tony Pulis.

The Championship club looked sharper than their Premier League hosts from the outset and were dangerous on the break early on, and Stoke could not say they were not warned prior to going behind.

Twice in the opening 10 minutes Jon Dadi Bodvarsson burst forward down the right before sending efforts narrowly wide of the far post.

Stoke looked laboured but began to have some success out wide as the midway point of the first half approached, but the final ball from Xherdan Shaqiri and Marko Arnautovic could not find Peter Crouch.

It had all been rather rushed and scrappy until Costa provided the first moment of class after 29 minutes. He cut inside on the edge of the area and, after riding a challenge from Arnautovic, fired a shot into the bottom corner of the net, giving goalkeeper Lee Grant no chance.

It was hard to argue Wolves deserved their lead and it was not until the 39th minute that Stoke mustered their first real attempt on goal.

Ryan Shawcross won a header from Shaqiri's corner but his effort looped over the crossbar.

Stoke created another chance shortly afterwards when Arnautovic picked out Crouch with a lovely cross but the big striker put his volley over from just eight yards out.

Some home fans booed their team off at half-time and manager Mark Hughes obviously was not happy with what he had seen in the first half either as he made two changes at the break, with Giannelli Imbula and Bojan replaced by Joe Allen and Charlie Adam.

Bojan was already frustrated by a lack of starts, with a move away being mooted, and his representatives recently met with Hughes to discuss the issue. Whether this is the last we see of the Spaniard in a Stoke shirt remains to be seen.

Adam was involved straight away, working Carl Ikeme with a deflected shot. Ikeme was about to become very busy and the Wolves goalkeeper produced fine saves to keep out driven efforts from Arnautovic and Ibrahim Afellay, before denying Crouch from close range.

Allen was next to be frustrated by Ikeme as his shot was helped over the crossbar as Stoke piled on the pressure with 20 minutes remaining.

However, the hosts' hopes were dashed in the 80th minute when Bruno Martins Indi gave away a needless free-kick on the edge of his own area, fouling Bodvarsson, and Doherty clipped his shot perfectly over the wall and beyond Grant's reach and into the back of the net.

It was the cue for many Stoke supporters to exit, so those who left will not have seen Grant deny Nouha Dicko when one-on-one with the Wolves striker.

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Spitfires shot

Wendy Gee



EASTLEIGH's hopes of reaching the FA Cup fourth round for the first time in their history were sunk in a torrid first-half away at Brentford this afternoon.

After succumbing to a tenth-minute penalty, Martin Allen's men were blown away by their on-fire Championship hosts in the opening 45 minutes – albeit that Ayo Obileye's goal offered them a glimmer of hope at 3-1.

But given that the Spitfires travelled with a side ravaged by injury, suspension and unavailability, they put in a good shift for their vocal club record travelling contingent who accounted for 1,428 of the 7,537 crowd.

In a rallying message to the fans manager Allen said he hadn't slept for three days, trying to work out which team to select.

When it arrived, the team sheet contained a fair few surprises with his two transfer-listed players – defender Ayo Obileye and former Portsmouth targetman Ryan Bird – both named in the starting line-up.

With loan goalkeeper Ryan Huddart returning to Arsenal, experienced former Barnet goalkeeper Graham Stack came straight in for his debut, with 19-year-old revelation Mark Childs dropping to the bench to sit alongside Jai Reason, Scott Wilson and Mikael Mandron.

Luke Coulson, subject of a rumoured £100,000 offer from a Football League club, started after being left out of the squad for the 1-0 National League win at Boreham Wood.

It's not often a manager gets a standing ovation from both sets of fans, but Griffin Park erupted in applause all round the ground as Eastleigh's former Bees boss Martin Allen made an emotional return to the club where he was such a popular figure a decade ago.

Lining up a back three of Adam Dugdale, Gavin Hoyte and Connor Essam, Allen deployed Michael Green and Wolves loanee Hakeem Odoffin in wing-back roles, while Obileye added height and power to midfield.

But, for all Allen's meticulous planning, the game got off to a disastrous start for Eastleigh as they suffered a huge double hammer blow with six minutes gone.

With their defence undone by a simple ball through for Lasse Vibe, the Brentford frontman was bundled over by debutant Stack at the expense of a penalty and, to make matters worse, Hoyte – dogged by injury at his previous



Eastleigh Forward, James Constable and Brentford Midfielder, Ryan Woods
Photos: Adam Rivers.

club Barnet – appeared to pull a muscle as he stretched to challenge the Bees no21.

There was a delay as Hoyte received treatment and Jai Reason eventually came on the replace him, but that proved no distraction for Yoann Barbet who sent Stack the wrong way from the penalty spot.

The Spitfires had their first sight of goal on 15 minutes when Essam headed Green's right-wing corner wide, but an already difficult task was about to become

even trickier for the non-League visitors as the busy Bees extended their lead two minutes later.

It was a goal of beauty too as Romaine Sawyers deliciously chipped in a cross from the right of the area for Tom Field to meet with a diving far-post header – his first goal for the club.

Eastleigh earned themselves a free-kick wide left when James Constable was held back and Coulson's delivery was not far away from Obileye's outstretched leg.

But, in scrambling the ball clear, Brentford launched a perfect counter-attack and scored a 23rd-minute third right under the noses of the Eastleigh fans, still singing their hearts out in the Brook Road Stand.

Josh McEachran provided the assist and Vibe did the honours beating Stack with a cracking finish with the outside of his boot.

A lesser team might have crumbled, but not so Eastleigh who gutsily pulled a goal back with 29 minutes gone.

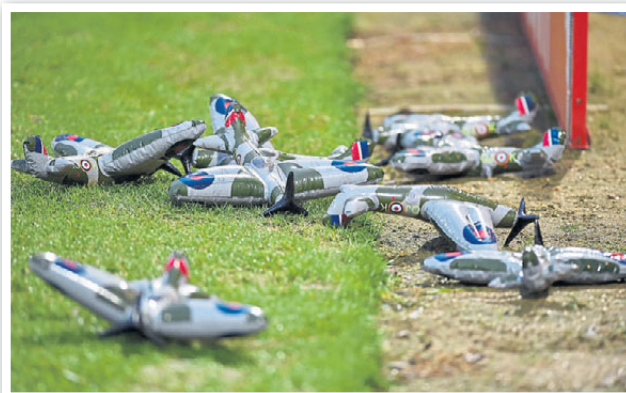
PINK down by Bees



A dejected James Constable.



Eastleigh's Ayo Obileye pulls a goal back scoring to make it 3-1.



Eastleigh Fans inflatable spitfires.

Bird's endeavour earned them a corner which was dangerously swung in by Coulson. Bees stopper Daniel Bentley missed his punch and the ball fell straight to OBILEYE to sweep home.

That boosted the Spitfires who enjoyed their best spell of the game with James Constable hooking a shot wide and one flowing move, begun by Obileye's long ball forward to Bird, ended with Green getting in a fine cross on the overlap resulting in a corner. Green sent in a danger-

ous inswinging flag-kick which bounced off the far upright on its way across.

But just when you felt a fight-back might be on, the Spitfires were sliced open yet again, this time by McEachran's defence-splitting pass, and Field slid his second goal of the game under the exposed Stack for 4-1.

Four became five in the second minute of stoppage-time when the Bees stung Eastleigh with their best party piece so far.

Ex-Chelsea man McEachran

played the ball over the top and Vibe laid it off to Sawyers to crash home a thumping shot from 25 yards for 5-1 to Brentford – and you shuddered to think what it might have been had the Bees top scorer Scott Hogan been playing.

Half-time: Brentford 5 Eastleigh 1

It was all Brentford at the start of the second half – Sawyers going closest with a 52nd-minute fired wide after Eastleigh had manfully blocked a volley of shots.

The Bees then looked for a penalty when Green brushed past McEachran inside the area, but their appeals were ignored by referee Peter Bankes.

On 55 minutes the Spitfires made their second substitution when Constable made way for pacy frontrunner Scott Wilson and, five minutes later, Mikael Mandron joined Wilson up top as a replacement for Bird.

Those changes breathed new life into the Spitfires as they hit back with a spate of chances.

John Egan came to Brentford's rescue with a goalline clearance from Scott Wilson before Obileye headed a big chance over from a corner.

The Bees, though, continued to cause havoc as an end to end game unfolded and it needed a strong hand by Spitfires keeper Stack to turn away a stinging shot by sub Josh Clarke.

Stack saved again and again, this time more comfortably from Vibe and McEachran, while Jota appealed in vain for a penalty, convinced he had been clipped as he was about to pull the trigger.

Brentford's blanket pressure gave Eastleigh openings on the break and on 79 minutes Mandron was desperately unlucky to be crowded out as he looked to get on the end of Wilson's delivery from the right.

Essam required treatment after falling awkwardly inside the Eastleigh area but when Coulson went down, apparently hurt, a few minutes later, there was no sympathy from the Bees fans who booed him as he bounced back into action.

Eastleigh had defended like Trojans to keep a second-half clean sheet and they so nearly got a second goal themselves in the dying seconds when Jai Reason's delightful chip from 25 yards so nearly caught Bentley out, but the keeper managed to get a hand to it and turn it away.

Brentford: Dan Bentley, Maxime Colin (Josh Clarke, 46), Harlee Dean (Chris Mepham, 80), Nico Yennaris (Jota, 61), Josh McEachran, John Egan, Ryan Woods, Romaine Sawyers, Lasse Vibe, Yoann Barbet, Tom Field. Subs: Jack Bonham, Sam Saunders, Philipp Hofmann, Alan McCormack.

Eastleigh: Graham Stack, Gavin Hoyte (Jai Reason, 9), Michael Green, Connor Essam, Adam Dugdale, Ayo Obileye, Luke Coulson, Sam Togwell, James Constable (Scott Wilson, 55), Ryan Bird (Mikael Mandron, 61), Hakeem Odoffin. Subs: Mark Childs.

Referee: Peter Bankes.

Attendance: 7,537 (1,428 Eastleigh)

Spitfires boss unconvinced by penalty

MARTIN Allen was not convinced that the penalty that put Eastleigh on the slippery slope to a 5-1 FA Cup defeat at Brentford this afternoon should have been given.

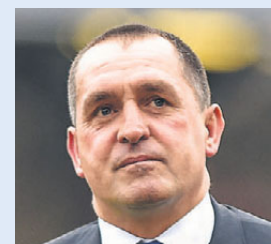
But Allen, who managed the Bees a decade ago and came out to a remarkable standing ovation from the home fans, felt his old club were fully deserving of their place in the fourth round.

Brentford opened the scoring just ten minutes in after Eastleigh's debut-making keeper Graham Stack had been deemed to have bundled over Lasse Vibe.

Allen said: "A Conference club against a Championship club was always going to be hard, whatever the weather, whatever the day, whatever the club."

"The Brentford players were quicker and sharper and some of their movement was quite outstanding."

"Brentford put in a decent



Martin Allen.

performance, but I think they got a big break with the penalty.

"I thought we started alright but I wasn't sure it was a penalty."

"Let's not kid ourselves, they were better than us and deserved to win, but I thought our players gave a good account of themselves."

All the damage was done by half-time with Tom Field (2), Vibe and Romaine Sawyers adding to Yoann Barbet's penalty for Brentford and eclipsing just a single Ayo Obileye reply for the non-League visitors.

Eastleigh fought like tigers to keep a clean sheet after the break and might even have scored again themselves with sub Mikael Mandron and Obileye both unlucky.

"The gap between these divisions is humongous. I just wanted us to give a good account of ourselves – and we did," said Allen.

"I've hugged every one of the players in the dressing room."

The Spitfires go from one big match straight into another on Tuesday (7.45pm) when third-placed Forest Green Rovers visit in the National League.

Ince puts Rams into next round

WEST BROM 1 DERBY 2

TOM Ince fired Derby into the FA Cup fourth round as two quickfire Rams goals stunned West Brom.

The winger grabbed a second-half winner just four minutes after Darren Bent equalised for the visitors to earn a 2-1 victory at The Hawthorns.

In-form Matt Phillips had given Albion the lead but the Rams hit back to beat a side in a higher division in the Cup for the first time since knocking out Sheffield United in 1986.

Derby now have just one defeat in their last 12 games but it could have been different after they nearly gifted the Baggies an early opener.

Scott Carson presented Salomon Rondon the ball on the edge of the box but was spared by a brilliant sliding challenge from Richard Keogh, who hooked Rondon's shot off the line.

Despite the gaffe, Derby had begun the brighter but failed to threaten until the 23rd minute when Boaz Myhill, one of four Albion changes, turned Abdoul Camara's deflected cross wide.

The Rams were more energetic than Albion but lacked the quality in the final third despite some snappy build up and, as they dictated the play, the game drifted towards half time.

But 10 minutes before the break the hosts broke the monotony after seizing on more poor Derby defending.

The visitors may have escaped the first time but paid the price when James McClean blocked Keogh's clearance.

Phillips still had plenty to do as the ball fell for him 25 yards out but advanced and drove a low effort past Carson from the edge of the box for his fifth goal in 11 games.

It was harsh on Derby but the Rams were yet to create a serious opening despite matching their Premier League hosts in midfield.

Albion went for the kill and nearly scored a quickfire second when James Morrison fired over and, after the break, Gareth McAuley headed over and Rondon fired wide after robbing Jason Shackles.

But County turned the game on its head inside four second-half minutes through Bent and Ince.

First Bent, who had been quiet, was granted too much time on the edge of the area to lash past Myhill from 20 yards after 50 minutes before Ince won it.

The winger's run from his own half was halted by Morrison 25 yards out and, with the free kick slightly to the right, Albion expected a cross.

Instead, Ince caught Myhill cold and aimed for the near post and the goalkeeper did not move as the 24-year-old curled in his ninth goal of the season.

Dawson's header hit the post as Albion tried to respond and Ince forced Myhill into a fine stop as the game reached the tempo it never hit during a tepid first half.

Derby poured forward with more purpose and it was the Baggies' time to wonder where the chances would come from as they were restricted to efforts from distance.

The influential Ince was pulling the strings and his excellent run eventually saw Myhill beat away Bent's classy snap-shot with 14 minutes left.

Albion's late pressure failed to pay off but Derby relied on an excellent reflex save from Carson in injury time as he turned Rondon's header over.

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CHERRIES FOOTBALL

FA CUP THIRD ROUND: MILLWALL 3

Cherries dumped

CHERRIES' FA Cup campaign has ended after Eddie Howe's side were beaten 3-0 by League One Millwall.

Howe changed his entire starting 11 from that which took to the field for Tuesday's gripping draw with Arsenal.

And the game was 26 minutes old when Cherries' manager saw his team fall behind to Steve Morison's header – a goal that had been coming from the first whistle.

Howe introduced Callum Wilson at the break in an attempt to pep up his labouring side. But Wilson had been on the pitch four minutes when Shaun Cummings doubled Millwall's advantage.

Cherries tried, forlornly, to rally – but were put out of their misery by Shane Ferguson's stoppage time strike.

If Jordan Lee, making just his second Cherries appearance, was experiencing a few butterflies, then they manifested themselves in a dreadfully underhit fifth minute backpass.

Adam Federici just about reached the ball ahead of the fast pursuing Lee Gregory, but only succeeded in clearing straight to Morison.

The veteran forward, however, lacked the composure to capitalise. With Federici grounded and powerless to deal with anything sent back his way, Morison scuffed his shot wide of the keeper's right-hand post.

Indeed, it wasn't only Lee struggling to cope in the face of Millwall's whirlwind start.

Cherries' players, most of them light on any recent action of note, were each operating on their own individual wavelengths.

Their task for the day – to forge some sort of understanding on the hoof, difficult enough in the furnace of an FA Cup tie – was all the tougher for Millwall's ferocious pressing and harrying.

Emerson Hyndman, on his full Cherries' debut, was the recipient of one Ben Thompson tackle that could have been transported directly from the 1970s. Beautifully executed, with physicality to match, it had The Den purring.

So too did the skilful link up between Morison and Gregory that ultimately had former Halifax striker Gregory bearing down on goal, only to be cut off at the pass by the imposing Tyrone Mings.

Defender Mings, making his third Cherries start in his 18 months at the club, was soon allowing himself to become embroiled in a stand-up row with Morison after the pair had contested a ball in the penalty box.

Paul
McNamara

The incident spoke volumes for a growing tetchiness sweeping through Cherries' ranks.

The visitors finally had a shot of some description with the game 23 minutes old, Brad Smith skying an effort from 25 yards.

It was a moment's respite for Cherries, who were soon inviting the 2004 finalists back onto them. Andrew Surman and Federici indulged in a chancy game of keep ball in their own area, with the latter forced by the ubiquitous Gregory to hack clear from the goalline.

This was all headed in one direction, though.

Millwall claimed a penalty when they believed Hyndman had used a hand to block Gregory's close range shot, following Morison's knockdown from Shaun Williams' corner.

Referee Andrew Madley instead pointed for a corner on the opposite flank.

And when Williams clipped the dead ball in from the right-wing, Morison rose at the near-post and powered his header inside Federici's left upright to give the hosts the lead their early endeavours merited.

Despite the number of empty blue seats inside this rudimentary ground the noise that greeted the sight of ball hitting net was ear-splitting.

Eight minutes after the goal things could have become worse for Howe's side.

Jordon Ibe's attempt to dribble his way through Fred Onyedinma deep in Millwall territory failed miserably.

Emboldened by his good work, the young Lions midfielder embarked on a marauding run that took him beyond Hyndman, Lee and Surman, before he fed Gregory to the left of the box.

Cherries enjoyed a slice of fortune, however, when the forward snatched at his effort, sending it harmlessly across the face of goal.

When they were forced onto the back foot the home team's plan was rather simple; the idea being to allow Cherries possession in wide areas before swamping their Premier League opponents as soon as the ball arrived in the middle.

For the most part, it was working.

Hyndman drove into the side netting after being fed by left back Smith – by far his team's brightest



Cherries' Andrew Surman, Millwall's Fred Onyedinma and Cherries' Jordan Lee battle for the ball.

attacker in the first half – while Lee saw a dangerous low delivery diverted behind by Shaun Hutchinson.

If anyone believed Howe was content to ditch his side's Cup ambitions they'd have been set straight by his half-time introduction of Wilson in place of Lee – Marc Pugh dropping to right back.

And it was from his auxiliary role that Pugh delivered a cross for Lys Mousset shortly after the interval.

Whether the striker saw the ball late, or if he was merely stunned

to see it at all after a first 45 minutes spent starved of service, is a moot point.

He headed a gilt-edged chance wide of Jordan Archer's left-hand post.

That miss looked even more costly moments later.

Millwall right back Cummings continued his run into Cherries' box after shuffling play wide for Morison.

Consequently, when Morison's something and nothing delivery towards goal was shovelled back out by Federici, the ball hit the onrushing Cummings and landed

PINK CHERRIES FOOTBALL

CHERRIES 0

out by wild Lions



Millwall's Shaun Hutchinson (left) challenges Cherries' Lewis Grabban.

Feeney grabs hat-trick as City beat Shortwood

WINCHESTER beat Shortwood 4-3, with Craig Feeney scoring his second hat-trick in successive home games.

In the first minute Craig Feeney scored with a well executed lob. Jake Lee and Joe Briggs had shots saved for their respective teams.

The game burst into life with three goals in three minutes.

Firstly, Nick Humphries equalised for Shortwood. A minute later Stuart Mott scored for Winchester when a corner was not cleared. However, two minutes later Shortwood equalised through Ross Langworthy.

Both teams continued to have chances with Feeney hitting both the underside of the bar and the post.

Right on the stroke of half-time the prolific Feeney gave Winchester a 3-2 lead.

Half time: Winchester City 3 Shortwood 2

Feeney completed his hat-trick in the 50th minute with a header and the lively striker still had other chances to score.

However in the 61st minute Shortwood pulled a goal back through Jake Lee.

In a lively game both sides created chances but the rest of the game remained goalless.

In the second-half Rhys Lovett made two superb saves from Winchester's Stuart Green.

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in the back of the net.

Lewis Grabban – a former man of The Den and not popular in these parts by all accounts – fizzed over from range as Cherries sought an instant riposte.

Smith was equally wayward with a shot from inside the box, while Ibe's delivery from the left byline flashed across the six-yard box unmolested.

As the visitors committed more bodies forward, so they were ripe for picking off at the back.

One Millwall counter ended

with substitute Ferguson, played in by Gregory's cute pass, firing beyond the far post.

Howe continued to throw everything at keeping alive Cherries' Cup campaign.

On came Dan Gosling and Steve Cook, as the visitors effectively operated with a four-strong front line, consisting of Grabban, Callum Wilson, Mousset and Ibe.

Still, each attack was fizzling out, either amid a cluster of blue and white shirts or as a result of a poor final ball.

When Ibe did supply an ac-

curate cut-back for Callum Wilson, Cherries' top-scorer miskicked, sending his effort into the body of Byron Webster.

The sight of Gosling and Callum Wilson remonstrating with Mousset after the Frenchman drilled wildly over from distance in the game's dying moments – followed almost instantly by Marc Wilson hobbling off, leaving his side to see out the contest with 10-men – summed up perfectly an afternoon of intense frustration for Howe's men.



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NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Lavvy miss the chance to take over top spot



Danny Finnigan

LAVERSTOCK & Ford not only missed the chance to depose Hamble Club as Sydenhams One leaders on Tuesday – they got thumped in the process.

Lavvy's quest for the title was dented by a 4-1 home drubbing at the hands of Shaftesbury.

Ex-Amesbury Town and Downton striker Danny Finnigan struck twice for the visitors, backed by singles from Lee Gale and sub Tyson Pollard.

Laverstock had managed to halve the deficit to 2-1 before the break when Rob Gallagher net-

ted his 11th of the campaign.

And Gallagher was desperately unlucky not to equalise when he was foiled by a spectacular save from 'keeper Dan Card before rattling the woodwork.

But Shaftesbury ran away with it in the second half to rise to fifth in the table.

Lavvy co-manager Liam McConnell blasted his side's performance, stating: "We were caught cold, it's as simple as that.

"We were not at the level we have come to expect from this team and for the majority of the

game we let ourselves down.

"We showed we could dominate possession and create chances by increasing our work-rate and performance, but doing it so infrequently in a game against a team who are clearly up for the challenge is not enough."

It was Laverstock's first taste of action since beating Folland Sports 1-0 on December 17.

The defeat left Lavvy static in second, a point behind top dogs Hamble Club who have two games in hand.

'Man up' Matthews!

CHAIRMAN Chris Pugsley has called for Weymouth boss Jason Matthews to "man up" but has "no inclination" to sack him.

Matthews, who has had a number of fans calling for him to resign in recent weeks, saw his side get back to winning ways with a 4-0 home win over Cirencester on Monday.

It ended a frustrating run of five league draws for the Terras, who are languishing 18th in the Southern Premier Division, a whopping 19 points short of their play-off target.

But, despite the Terras' dismal league position, Pugsley insisted he is not considering sacking former Eastleigh goalkeeper Matthews.

"I back him 100 per cent. Jase is probably more likely to walk than I am to



Jason Matthews

sack him," he insisted.

"The rest of the board are 100 per cent behind Jason as well."

But the chairman added: "Jason needs to man up. He is a manager in the making, he's not a manager yet."

"He is getting better, but he does need to harden up and be his own man more. I have told him this and he knows this himself."

"He will be a good manager, I am sure of that. "No-one has been happy," Pugsley added.

"The fans aren't happy, I'm not happy, Jason's not happy and the team's not happy."

"We are all unhappy together, but we need to stick together more as opposed to falling out with each other."

"We had almost 550 there on Monday and most of the teams in this league would take your arm off for that sort of crowd."

Claridge praise for Holmes & Co

By Paul
McNamara

STEVE Claridge says Wimborne's "pass and move football" makes a refreshing change from the plethora of Southern South & West teams that just "lump the ball forward".

Claridge's Salisbury side were 1-0 winners at Cuthbury on Monday, but only after riding their luck during a second-half in which Magpies' expressive, high-intensity display pinned back their promotion-chasing visitors.

Wimborne boss Matty Holmes – in his first managerial role – has made plain his priority this term is to improve his young players, with a heavy emphasis on playing an enterprising brand of football.

"I think Matty is doing the right thing," said Claridge. "He's trying to get them to play. With all due respect they won't get in the top five."

"They want to make sure that when people come here to watch, they know they'll see a team trying to play football."

"They do that, there's lots of pass and move football, movement off the ball, push and run, that sort of play."

"If you're a kid and you're trying to learn the game and trying to improve yourself, then you'll do that here."

"He's trying to get the ball down and he's trying to improve everybody's technique. Lots and lots of teams at this level, all they do is lump the ball forward."

"They don't play, they just rely on physicality. It's nice to come and play against teams like this



Salisbury manager Steve Claridge

that get it down and play properly."

Claridge and Holmes share a friendship stretching back to when they were on Cherries' books together in the mid-1980s.

And while Claridge admits he is under pressure to deliver results

for Salisbury, he insists he would adopt the same approach as Holmes to managing Wimborne.

"I have a lot of respect for Matty and I can see what he's trying to do," the Whites boss added. "It's the right thing to do at this club."

"Our job is different, it's all

about getting results, getting in the top five and hopefully getting out of this league."

"But if I was at this football club (Wimborne), I'd be doing exactly what he's doing."

"I'd be trying to get the kids in, to get us playing and enjoying it."

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Magpie Matt: We feel hard done by

By Wendy Gee



MATTY Holmes admitted he felt "a bit hard done by" as Wimborne Town went down 1-0 to Salisbury in the Southern One South & West on Monday.

After the high of ending Winchester City's winning streak by the same scoreline six days previously, the Magpies fell foul of Justin Bennett's first-half strike in front of a 657-strong Cuthbury crowd.

Wimborne laid siege to Salisbury's goal after the break and had a Luke Holmes 'equaliser' controversially ruled out by referee Lee Rutter before the same player was denied a penalty after tumbling over Tommy Wright's leg in the box.

Reflecting on the new year's showdown, boss Holmes said: "It was a great atmosphere.

"I said to the boys 'what a great occasion to play football in,' but it wasn't quite to be.

"I hope people will come back, I really do.

"I thought we knocked the ball around really, really well in the second half.

"I'll have to have a look on video at the disallowed goal, but I do feel a bit hard done by.

Made no mistake

"I thought Luke got contact when he went down and all the boys said he did, but the referee saw fit not to give it."

Magpies' keeper Gerard Benfield twice denied Salisbury's on-loan Sutton striker Wright from close range during the opening exchanges, before Bennett sent a shot bobbling against the post.

But the former Gosport striker made no mistake after seizing on Stefan Penny's undercooked



Justin Bennett slides home Monday's winner.

back-header five minutes before the break - Bennett prodding past a stranded Benfield to give his side what would be a decisive lead.

Close to the wind

"We did sail close to the wind in the first half," Holmes admitted. "Salisbury did a bit of a job on us and we were guilty of making some mistakes.

"The goal was a back-header straight to their lad (Bennett) and he's prolific in those situations. That's what he thrives off."

The victory was Whites' seventh on the bounce, lifting them to fourth in the table. It was all the more satisfying considering they travelled with a depleted side.

That worked in favour of under-18 player Ben Moore who went on as a late substitute for Ed-

die Perrett, becoming the second Salisbury youth player to make his first-team debut in the last month.

Massive

Match-winner Bennett tweeted afterwards: "Game of two halves, should have been out of sight at half-time but had to dig in to see it out in the end. Massive 3 points."

Lewis set for repeat?

FORMER Sholing man Lewis Fennemore is on course for another Sydenhams Premier Division winners' medal.

The towering midfielder struck twice on Tuesday as Moneyfields maintained their dominant nine-point lead at the summit with a 3-1 win at AFC Portchester.

Fennemore, who made 35 appearances for Sholing in their FA Vase/Sydenhams Premier double-winning season of 2013/14, headed Moneys into an early lead only for Andy Todd to immediately snuff it out.

But the sending-off of Portchester's Josh Warren for a second yellow inside 16 minutes gave Moneys all the incentive they needed.

Fennemore struck again, followed by sub James Guthrie, before Joe Bye compounded the Royals' misery by picking up a



Lewis Fennemore

straight red for a reckless tackle in stoppage time.

Drafted straight into the Moneys' starting line-up was Dan Wooden, who has returned to Dover Road from three-levels-higher Gosport Borough of the National League South.

Mike's back

STRIKER Mike Haskell has rejoined Sydenhams Premier Division strugglers Verwood Town from neighbours Ringwood.

Haskell, who also turns out for high-flying Holt United in the Dorset Premier League, has reunited with boss Adie Arnold at Potterne Park.

The frontman, who has not featured for Ringwood this season, led the way with 23 goals when Verwood lifted the Sydenhams One title in 2011/12.

Blues boss looking for 'more of the same'



Gary Bailey

GARY Bailey is looking for "more of the same" from Portland United as they enter the new year.

A stellar 2016 saw Bailey's Blues seal the Sydenhams One title before finishing the calendar year third in the Premier Division.

The island outfit kicked off 2017 on a winning note at Lymington Town on Tuesday, coming

back from behind through Lewis Clarke and Ross Carmichael to beat the ten-man hosts 2-1.

"If someone had said to me going into the second half of the season we would be in third, I would have questioned them to start with - and then been delighted to take it!" beamed Bailey. "It's all there for us to play for.

"It's nice to be up there.

"If you fall out of that top-six and become sort of mid-table mediocrity, I don't like using that term but, come February, your season has fizzled out and all you're doing is counting out how many games there are until the end of the season. That's not something we want to do."

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Parselle set for County return

YOUNG Salisbury defender Kieran Parselle is set to return to parent club Newport County.

The 20-year-old, a graduate from Newport's academy, will return to Wales at the end of the month, *writes Joel Holt*.

He joined Whites in August on a six-month loan deal and has played a key role in the heart of defence, making 24 appearances.

His last game will be on Saturday, January 28 when Whites host Yate Town in Southern One South & West.

Parselle continues to train in Newport during the week and has caught the eye of manager Graham Westley.

"I can't wait to see Kieran back here, I really can't," said the Exiles boss.

"The first chance I get to bring him back here I'll bring him back.

"I like the look of him in training and I want to see if he can be a part of what I'm doing.

"I honestly think he'd be in my team if he was here, based on what I've seen.

"I might bring him back and



Kieran Parselle

use him in a game or two and think he needs to go on another loan," he explained.

"And I might be able to get him a better loan than where he is now, a better standard and a different challenge.

"And that wouldn't be any disrespect to where he is. I haven't had any argument with Salisbury."

Parselle made seven appearances for County at the beginning of last season under Terry Butcher.

But he did not feature under John Sheridan or his successor Warren Feeney, who was the assistant manager of defunct club Salisbury City in 2013/14.

His absence adds to Steve Claridge's defensive woes.

Calum Brockway and Callum Hart are both sidelined through injury while another defender, Steve Walker, left the club last month. That leaves Claridge with just one centre-half in Elliot Wheeler.

However, the Whites are boosted with news that Alex Bass's loan from League Two side Portsmouth has been extended until the end of the season.

The goalkeeper is in a rich vein of form, keeping three clean sheets on the bounce.

'Bare bones' Bashley undone on the island

BASHLEY'S 'bare bones' side were undone by two set-pieces in Tuesday's 3-2 Sydenhams Premier defeat at Newport IoW.

The Foresters travelled with a depleted 13-strong squad containing no recognised strikers and without their influential captain/goalkeeper Joe Prodomo.

Young Harry McGrath carried

the fight up front, supported by fellow students Jack Hoey and Harry Morgan, while Prodomo's understudy Joe Coombes donned the gloves.

Trailing to a 32nd-minute Joe Butcher goal, Bash levelled through McGrath before Connor Hoare had a debatable free-kick awarded against him which Con-

nor Kelly converted for 2-1.

Hoare's misery was compounded when Bash were awarded a penalty for a foul by Spike Pearce and his kick bounced back off the bar.

Four minutes from time, a point looked probable for the visitors when McGrath slotted home his second of the evening.

But there was final sting in the tail for the Foresters when the referee spotted a push on Jared Wetherick in the area and ex-Bash man Aidan Sainsbury stepped up to sink Newport's winner.

It was the Islanders' third straight home win, hoisting them into the top-ten.

Pipe loan a 'no brainer' for boss

By Wendy Gee



EASTLEIGH midfielder David Pipe has been welcomed back at Newport County with open arms.

County boss Graham Westley said the decision to take the 33-year-old former Exiles skipper on loan for the rest of the season was a "no brainer".

Pipe, one of 13 players signed by former Eastleigh manager Chris Todd during the summer, took his leave from the Silverlake Stadium just prior to this weekend's big FA Cup third round tie at Brentford.

His versatility, having also played at full-back, might have made him a useful addition to the bench today, but Spitfires manager Martin Allen said: "We've got enough cover. We can only use three subs, so that's all we need.

"We had a phone call for Pipey to go on loan to Newport and he only lives five minutes away from their ground.

"He wasn't going to be starting for us, so we had a chat and felt it best to give him the opportunity to be at his local club.

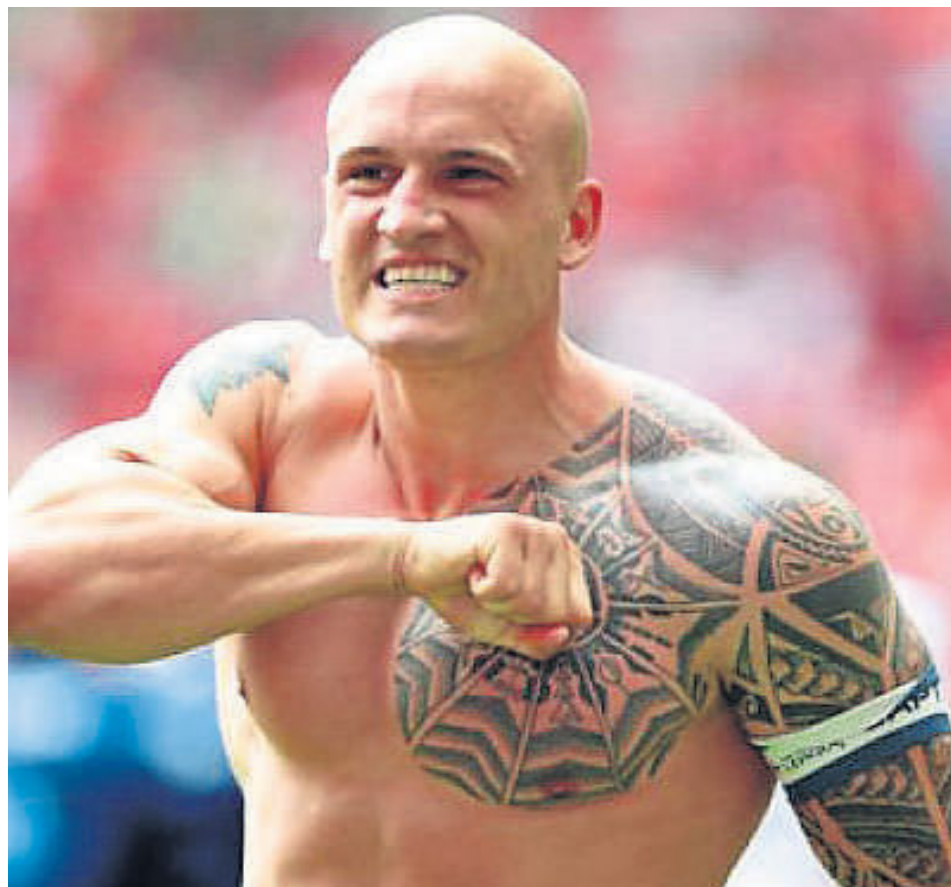
"He's been brilliant since I've been here, helping me. He's a great lad.

"We're going to miss him, but we've brought players in that can play in those positions so I thought that was worthwhile."

Westley is convinced Pipe's character and leadership qualities can help the Exiles avoid relegation from League Two.

"He's got a history with the football club, a history of success, a history with some of the people at the club and they have vouched for his character," said the manager.

"And when you know a player is going to be strong in the dressing room and demand winning standards it's a no-brainer to bring him



David Pipe has moved to Newport County on loan.

back.

"He's got experience, he's got defensive qualities, and he's got leadership – everything that we need in the situation that we're in right now.

"He's just the type of guy to help you win the next football match and, in the end, that's all we're in the business of doing here."

Pipe earned one Wales cap in

a 2003 friendly international against the United States.

Having begun his career at Coventry, he had spells at Notts County, Bristol Rovers and Cheltenham.

In June 2010 he was convicted of wounding with intent after hitting a man with a wine bottle. He was sentenced to 38 months in prison.

But Westley is unconcerned about the player's past. He told The Pink's sister paper, The South Wales Argus: "I've had a lot of players play for me and been part of very successful sides who have allegedly had their problems in the past," he said.

"I judge people on what I see and what's in front of me, not on where they've been."

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Tributes to much loved Darren

By Wendy Gee



THE funeral of much-loved Sholing coach Darren Burdle will be held on Tuesday.

The service will take place at Wessex Vale Crematorium, West End, at 1pm with the wake to follow at Shamblehurst Barn in Hedge End.

It will be family flowers only, but those wishing to donate money can do so via the following links – The Sally B Appeal at <http://www.sallyb.org.uk/appeal.htm> for Darren's love of old war planes, or to his children Dylan and Brooke's trust fund towards their education at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/dylanandbrookesfuture>

Darren's sudden death last month, aged 50, sent shockwaves round the non-League community and Sholing secretary Greg Dickson has been inundated with tributes to the popular former player and coach.

Darren's playing career was spent at Esso Fawley, Brockenhurst, Lymington Town, Blackfield & Langley, BAT, Brendon and Folland Sports.

A holder of the UEFA B Licence, he went on to coach at Folland Reserves, Hamble Club, Winchester City and Lymington Town before rejoining Follands to coach the first team from 2012-15.

Tributes to Darren

Bill Moore, Team Solent chairman: "Very sad to hear about the sudden death of your coach Darren Burdle. On behalf of Team Solent FC, please pass our condolences to everyone connected with Sholing FC and, in particular, we would be very grateful if you could convey this message to his family. His brother, Colin, played for me in rep football many years ago. My thoughts will be with him."

Barry Torah, Lymington Town secretary: "I just wanted to offer our sincere condolences on behalf of everyone at Lymington Town both individually and as a club to yourselves and to Darren's family on this very sad news. He was a great guy all round and was a big part of our club during his stay with us."

John Gorman, Sydenhams



Darren Burdle's funeral will take place on Tuesday

Wessex League secretary: "The League, like everyone else, was shocked and saddened at the sudden passing of Darren Burdle. Our chairman, Ian Hoare, knew him well from their days at Blackfield and his thoughts and sympathy and those of the league go to his family and friends."

Ruth Mundy, Brockenhurst secretary: "Please accept our condolences from Brockenhurst on the sad loss of Darren Burdle. Darren was a very close friend of myself and my other half Jake. We shall miss him terribly as will most involved in Wessex League football."

Jack Prentice, Sholing FC media student: "Just to say that my thoughts are with everyone at the club. Been a horrible end to the year. Struck right at the heart of the club."

Andy Tipp, Totton & Eling

chairman: "Very sad news. Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time."

Paul 'Splodge' Proctor, Fareham Town secretary: "Very sad news, even more so at this time of year. On behalf of all at Fareham Town, our thoughts and condolences to his family and all those connected with Sholing and his previous clubs."

Stuart Barlow, Andover Town chairman: "Really sorry to hear this. My thoughts and all at Andover Town are with his family and all of you at Sholing FC."

Mike Cranidge, Bashley chairman: "What a sad and tragic loss. Please pass on Bashley FC's condolences to Darren's family and all at Sholing FC."

David Hayles former Newport IoW chairman: "Very, very sad. My thoughts are with Darren's

family and everyone at Sholing FC."

John and Andy, joint administrators and fellow members of Portland United: "Very sad news at any time, but at this time of year it's more so. Our thoughts are with all at Sholing FC, his family and friends and colleagues at this tragic time."

Aubrey Hodder, Ringwood Town: "Awfully sad news. Thoughts and condolences from everyone at Ringwood Town FC."

Roy Kingdon, Folland Sports chairman: "That is very sad news. With deepest sympathies from myself and all at Folland Sports FC."

Claire Sangster Sinclair, Blackfield & Langley secretary: "So very sad and shocked to hear the news about Darren. It's terrible. Thoughts with you all."

Jake makes a step up

JAKE Smeeton has ended a nine-and-a-half year stay at Dorchester Town to step up a league with Dorset rivals Poole.

The 28-year-old versatile defender, who spent a loan spell with the Dolphins in 2011, was given a guard of honour by his Dorchester teammates when he played his final game for the club against Weymouth on Boxing Day in the Southern Premier Division.

He arrives at National League South outfit Poole boasting plenty of step two experience having previously played at that level for Dorch.

"Jake is someone I know well and he ticks all the boxes," said delighted Poole boss Tom Killick.

"He has the mentality I'm really keen on. He is very determined and has a



Jake Smeeton, right.

real will to win about him. I think he will be a good signing for us.

"We have been scrabbling around at left-back and have been playing right-footed people there.

"Jake is left-footed and that is his favoured position so he will be a good addition, that's for sure."

Dorchester's financial predicament also saw manager Mark Jermyn and assistant Nick Crittenden sever ties with the club over Christmas.

Killick, who played for the Magpies, said: "They are a club I have affection for and are having a difficult time at the moment."

"It's not nice to see and you can only hope better things are around the corner for them."

"But I have to do what's best for Poole Town."

"I had the opportunity to sign Jake, so it was something I had to do."

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Play-offs a realistic aim for Tom

TOM Killick reckons the Vanarama National League South play-offs are a realistic target for his Poole Town side.

The Dolphins took advantage of the turmoil at Gosport Borough to register their biggest win of the season at Tatnam on Monday.

Doubles from Marvin Brooks and Steve Devlin, coupled with goals from Luke Burbidge, Richard Gillespie and Luke Roberts, saw Poole ruthlessly crush Alex Pike's 'bare bones' side 7-0 to go fifth in the table.

Killick, who guided the Dorset club to promotion as Southern League champions last year, said: "I think finishing in the play-offs is a realistic aim.

"We don't want to just waste the season trying to finish 15th or whatever.

"We want to try to push on, be competitive and have something to play for.

"From what I have seen of the league, I feel we deserve to be where we are.

"If we keep working hard and carry on improving, learning and getting used to things, I feel we



New dads Jamie Whiskin and Luke Burbidge perfect their 'baby' goal celebration.

could stay there. That is the aim."

Gosport, already beaten 2-0 by Poole on Boxing Day, were only able to name one sub at Tatnam as a result of the off-field problems gripping the club.

Borough, who have been under a transfer embargo, have already lost several players and others a queueing up to leave.

Under the circumstances, Killick was pleased his side were able to keep their concentration and do a professional job against the troubled visitors.

"In a strange way, these can be quite difficult games to be involved in for a player," he said.

"There is an expectation that winning should be a formality because you are facing a team which doesn't have an awful lot of ambition to win the game.

"You have to make everything happen, you have to force the issue.

"You aren't going to get much credit if you win, but you will receive an awful lot of criticism if you don't.

"It is not easy mentally or physically to deal with these games, but I felt we did it well."

Gosport held out until five minutes before half-time when Brooks netted a stunning opener.

The floodgates well and truly burst open after the break as Poole scored three times in ten minutes through Burbidge, Gillespie and Roberts.

Brooks sandwiched Poole's sixth between a Devlin brace.

Priory teenager Pope reminds boss of Pugh



Ollie Cherrett

CHRISTCHURCH manager Ollie Cherrett has likened AFC Bourne-mouth teenager Ash Pope to Cherries winger Marc Pugh.

Pope, who has just turned 17, has netted five times in five starts for Priory since joining the Sydenhams One outfit on work experience from their Premier League neighbours.

Asked what type of player Pope is, Cherrett said: "A young Marc Pugh. He loves getting on the ball, his drib-

bling and crossing are brilliant and he is a serious goal threat. He also has good pace.

"He has taken to it quickly and his quality has shone through in the past few games.

"He has great potential and, hopefully, this is a stepping stone for him. "We try to play the right way and our pitch is excellent.

"I think it (Pope's work experience) is working well and everyone is get-

ting something from it. Hopefully we can help him along the way."

Pope's latest goal was described by Cherrett as a "wonder strike" in Priory's 3-2 win at Ringwood on Tuesday.

His 25-yard stoppage-time cracker capped a fightback from the visitors who recovered from 2-1 down.

"We needed something special and Ash didn't disappoint," said Cherrett.

I'll bring the glory days back – Craig

By Wendy Gee



CRAIG Laird has pledged to take Dorchester Town "back to its former glories" after succeeding Mark Jermyn as Avenue Stadium boss.

The former Bridgwater Town, Yate Town and Weston-super-Mare chief was due to step into the dugout today when Dorchester hosted Banbury United in the Southern Premier Division.

"It is a great honour to have the opportunity to manage Dorchester Town," he said.

"In my Weston days coming to Dorchester, I always thought what a nice stadium it was and there were nice people as well.

"Dorchester is a fantastic football club. There are not many big football clubs around this area, but Dorchester are one of those.

Former glories

"Hopefully, I can take it back to its former glories and have it punching at this division and higher again."

Asked what made him want to take up the new challenge, Laird – a former assistant to Jason Matthews at Weymouth – replied: "Well, unfortunately, my father passed away in the last week. He was always a driving force behind me and, really, I just thought a change was important.

He added: "It will take a little bit of time and hard work but I'm not afraid of that. It's a proper football team.

"You look at Dorchester and its infrastructure, everything is there to push on. It just needs success on the pitch and, hopefully, I have been brought in to do that."

The Magpies began today sitting 16th following Monday's 1-1



Craig Laird

draw at Basingstoke Town.

Magpies chairman Matt Lucas was delighted to get Laird on board.

Enthusiasm

He said: "We felt that Craig, with his wealth of experience, his contacts and his enthusiasm for the game, was most definitely the right person for us at this time.

"We remember Craig, first and foremost, for what he achieved at Weston-super-Mare.

"A lot of us on the board were there when we were playing

against Weston in the Conference South days and everybody who knew Craig, or knew Conference South football, knows he was renowned for playing an excellent brand of flowing football there.

"He has a great philosophy and has been so positive right from the start with us.

"We will give Craig all the support we can and we are looking forward to working with him."

News of Laird's assistants and coaching staff will be "announced in the next couple of weeks" according to a statement

on the club website.

Chairman Lucas also expressed his gratitude to those who had also shown an interest in taking the job.

Keen interest

"We thank everyone who either applied or showed a keen interest in the role," he said.

"We have had some good applicants and have really appreciated those that have shown a real interest."

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Folland Sports' ground



Roy desperate to bring 'true sleeping giant' back to life...

By Wendy Gee



NEW Folland Sports chairman Roy Kingdon predicts an up-lifting 2017 for the Sydenhams One club.

Following the resignation of Adrian Stremmel due to business reasons, former vice-chairman Kingdon has taken over the controls at the Planemakers.

He is determined to steer them back on an even keel after they nosedived out of the Premier Division last term.

Relegation from the Wessex top flight came against a backdrop of uncertainty surrounding the club's future with landlords GE Aviation at one stage looking to sell the sports and social club site in Kings Avenue, Hamble.

Extending lease

But the club are now hopeful of extending their lease and, with new officials and sponsors now on board, Kingdon predicts that results on the



Roy Kingdon

park will pick up significantly in the new year.

Follands still have much work to do to escape the lower reaches of Sydenhams One, but performances are gradually improving under the leadership of ex-Fareham Town skipper and Gosport Borough under-18s boss Bjay Green and his assistant Richard Elmes.

Kingdon, who is well supported behind the scenes by secretary Garry Budden, said:

"Results are still negative, but we're only losing by the odd goal now.

"We lost 2-1 to (top-of-the-table) Hamble Club in a thriller over Christmas and we're confident we can get a good result at home to New Milton (today).

"Because of the problems we had before, Bjay and Richard have had to come in and virtually do a pre-season since taking over.

Dipped out

"Unfortunately we've dipped out of the prize money this season, going out of the cups at the first hurdle, but the club's in the black, there's no debt.

"We operate within our means, so we can't offer players money, but what we can offer them is a good place to come and play football.

"I think we've got a side now that can push on in the new year and start to climb the table."

On his new role as chairman, Kingdon, who runs his own building company, added: "I'm delighted to be taking control of a club that is a true sleeping giant of non-League football.

"When one thinks of what this club has achieved in the last few decades, it is very sad to see us languishing in Division One.

"I am determined to work with the playing staff to secure our league status and then look forward to the closed season to plan ahead.

"Off the pitch we are in a good financial shape. We have a dedicated board, a great stadium and pitch, with good match-day food and hospitality.

"We are also meeting our landlords early in the new year to discuss the lease on the ground, which we are confident will be extended.

Shambles

"Like all organisations going through tough times, we must all grab an oar and start rowing.

"Nothing great is ever easy. It takes a long time to turn things around.

"It was a shambles when I came to the club in July and we're pleased to have said goodbye to 2016.

"We're all looking forward to 2017."

Reid confirmed joint boss

FORMER Eastleigh defender Paul Reid has been confirmed as joint manager of National League South outfit Whitehawk.

Reid had been placed in interim charge of the Sussex club with Alan Payne following Ben Strevens' pre-Christmas return to the Spitfires. The pair have now been given the job until the end of the season.

The appointment brings some much needed stability for the Hawks who had previously put Strevens in temporary charge, alongside Payne, in the wake of another ex-Eastleigh man, Richard Hill, leaving to take up a scouting role at Aston Villa.

"It makes a big difference talking to the players we have now and when speaking to possible new players as I try and recruit one or two," said Reid.

"It's no secret we need a couple to help us out and boost the squad.

"There have been a couple of games when we've not been able to fill the bench and that's not good enough."

Reid, who was captain of Northampton and Barnsley, admits



Paul Reid

he had previously had no desire to move into management.

But the 34-year-old former Rangers defender said: "I've enjoyed it so far. I've been captain at every club I've played for, so I'm used to running a changing room, but this takes it one step further.

"I've spoken to people since taking this on and they are surprised I never thought about doing it before.

"It's not easy making that transition from being one of the boys."

Whitehawk's 4-2 Boxing Day defeat at Eastbourne Borough was an eventful one for two more ex-Eastleigh players, Brian Dutton and Reece Connolly.

Both outfielders ended up playing in goal as a result of injury and a red card.

With no sub keeper on the Eastbourne bench, centre-back Dutton took over from Charlie Horlock after he had landed awkwardly.

Striker Connolly then donned the gloves for Whitehawk after No1 Lucas Covolan had seen red for violent conduct.

Despite the result, Connolly won the Hawks' man-of-the-match award.

Flashback

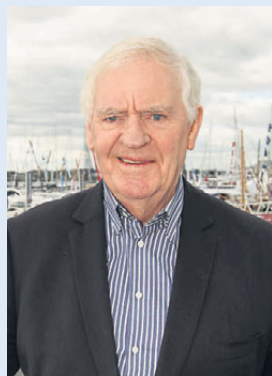
SAINTS are through to the League Cup semi finals for the first time since the 1986/87 season.

And, as they did 30 years ago, they are facing Liverpool for a place in the Wembley final.

The footballing landscape has changed out of all recognition since 1986/87, and here the Sports Pink delves into the Rothman's Football Yearbook to bring you just some of the headlines from that season.

● Prior to the campaign starting, Sunderland's accounts showed that ex-Saints boss Lawrie McMenemy was probably the highest paid manager in the Football League. Though in the old Second Division, the Black Cats were paying McMenemy around £4,000 a week.

Also in the north east, Middlesbrough - now coining it in as part of the Premier League - went into administration after the Inland Revenue took action over an unpaid bill of



Lawrie McMenemy

around £115,000. Manager Bruce Rioch was among 30 members of Boro's non playing staff sacked by the administrator and the doors to their Ayresome Park ground were locked. As a result, Boro played their first home league game of 1986/87 at Hartlepool's stadium.

A nasty sign of the time is a riot at a pre season friendly between Plymouth and Chelsea, where Police make 22 arrests.

● On the opening day of the Scottish League season, new Glasgow Rangers boss Graeme Souness is sent off on his debut in a defeat at Hibernian.

Also making his Rangers debut is England defender Terry Butcher, after his £725,000 move to Ibrox - a record sum paid by a Scottish club. Rangers had also signed Norwich keeper Chris Woods for £600,000 - a British record fee for a goalkeeper.

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To Elland back –

By Simon Carter



SAINTS are preparing to face Liverpool in what will only be the club's third ever League Cup semi final.

Here, the Sports Pink looks back at Saints' first two-legged semi against Leeds in the late 1970s ...

1978/79

Semi final first leg
Leeds 2 Saints 2

Saints were the underdogs when they travelled to Elland Road for the first leg of their first ever League Cup semi final on January 24, 1979.

Leeds were fifth in the top flight, five points off the leaders West Bromwich Albion.

Jimmy Adamson's side, though, had played three games more than the Baggies - and four more than second-placed Liverpool.

Leeds were the joint top scorers in the First Division with 47 goals - 25 of them coming in 12 home games.

Only the table topping Baggies, with 25 goals, had scored more than Leeds' away total of 22.

In contrast, Saints - down in 12th place - had only scored 25 goals in 22 league games.

And only seven of those had come in 11 away matches, which yielded one win, three draws and seven defeats.

Lawrie McMenemy had already taken his side to Elland Road in 1978/79, and seen Leeds romp to a 4-0 victory.

Former England midfielder Tony Currie, Scottish winger Arthur Graham and defender Paul Madeley were all on target, with Ivan Golac adding an own goal.

Four days before welcoming Saints to Yorkshire, Leeds had extended their unbeaten league run to 10 matches by winning 2-1 at Tottenham - defender Paul Hart and striker Ray Hankin on target.

In all competitions, Leeds had lost just once in 17 matches.

Saints, for their part, had enjoyed a good December, with successive league wins against Birmingham (1-0), Manchester City (2-1 away) and Coventry (4-0) before a 0-0 stalemate with Chelsea.

January 1979 saw arctic temperatures sweep all over England, and Saints had only managed one league game in the month - a 2-0 loss at Wolves - prior to making the trip to Leeds.

It was against the odds, therefore, that Saints claimed a 2-2 draw.



Saints on the attack at The Dell in the second leg of the 1978/79 League Cup final.



Saints celebrate a goal at Elland Road in the first leg of their semi final.

This is how Daily Echo journalist Peter East reported the game ...

'Saints last night forced open the doors of Wembley Stadium with a magnificent second half performance in the League Cup semi final first leg at Elland Road, despite having top scorer Phil Boyer sent off.

But just 90 seconds after half-time, all had seemed lost for Saints.

Already trailing to a 24th minute goal by captain Tony Currie, they were caught again when Ray Hankin netted a second and Leeds erupted with numbing chants on 'we're our on way to Wembley.'

Saints were in the League Cup dustbin and Leeds were poised to

snap down the lid.

But a marvellous display of grit and determination sent that lid spinning away.

Nick Holmes sparked the recovery with a perfect far post header in the 50th minute and then a breathtaking piece of finishing from Steve Williams 12 minutes later levelled the scores in readiness for next Tuesday's second

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the story of '79



Terry Curran scores the only goal of his Saints career to send the club through to the 1979 League Cup final at Wembley.



Alan Ball with two young fans after Saints' second leg victory in 1979.

leg.

Boyer's sending off in the 82nd minute was the only smear on a memorable night and it was rough justice that the bold battling little striker was not there, like the other ten heroes, to be congratulated by manager Lawrie McMenemy as they cantered into the tunnel at the end.

With four goals in the previous

four rounds, he had done as much as anyone to put Saints into the semi-finals and if he did have any consolation last night, it was that he gave over 90 minutes worth of effort before his bust-up with former England midfielder Currie.

Boyer, booked in the 40th minute for a bad looking foul on Brian Flynn, tried to give his defenders time to cover by moving in

too close for Currie to take a free kick.

Currie reacted by bouncing the ball against the striker's midriff. Boyer answered that by bouncing the ball back over Currie's head... and referee Alf Grey sorted it out by booking both men. Unfortunately for Boyer, a second booking meant an early bath.

But fortunately for Saints, their

ten men only had eight minutes left to contain Leeds and they were in no mood to let anything slip.

Their hustling, bustling 'up and at em' tactics had been unveiled at the very first whistle when a powerful surge by Ivan Golac had Leeds back pedalling to face a corner after only 11 seconds.

Golac went on to become a superb clamp on the skills of Eddie Gray as Saints reverted to being a methodical work force.

Chris Nicholl and Malcolm Waldron quickly got to grips, too, with those big central attackers Ray Hankin and John Hawley.

But, for me, the outstanding performer was left back David Peach, whose assortment of cup matches for Saints reached the 50 mark last night.

He produced a silver-lined showing against those storm clouds presented by Arthur Graham on the Leeds right and sprinkled it with his usual measure of attacking flair.

In midfield, Saints never allowed Flynn and Currie to settle. Ball was the driver, but Holmes and Williams both fought for everything in setting up a blockade which seldom allowed Leeds the luxury of bringing extra men forward.

Their defenders, in fact, looked far less relaxed than usual with Terry Curran's running on the right always threatening to explode and then fulfilling that promise when he set up Holmes' 50th minute goal.

Boyer and Trevor Hebbard had a mammoth task in the middle and they met the challenge impressively.

They may not have scored, but Leeds' back four love playing in midfield. Boyer, Hebbard and Curran made them defend.

McMenemy told the Echo afterwards: "This club is all about progress and tonight proved we have made a lot, even since November when we lost 4-0 here.

"Their second goal was too close to half-time for comfort, but our first deflated them a bit and our second deflated them even more. It's a pity away goals don't count double."

Leeds boss Adamson said: "We didn't play well, but you only play as well as the opposition let you. They hustled and challenged - but that's part of a cup tie.

"We've still got one foot at Wembley and we'll lick them when we go down there."

Leeds: Harvey, Cherry, F Gray, Flynn, Hart, Madeley, E Gray, Hankin, Hawley, Currie, Graham (Harris, 75).

Saints: Gennoe, Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hebbard, Holmes, Curran. Attendance: 33,415.

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Clarke off to a flier

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Saints striker Colin Clarke, on his debut after moving from Bournemouth, grabs the first hat-trick of the new Football League season in a 5-1 thrashing of QPR at The Dell.

A few weeks later he scores another one, in a 4-0 home win over Newcastle, to take his tally to 10 in as many games.

September began with newly promoted Wimbledon, playing in the top flight just nine years after entering the Football League, leading the table after Glyn Hodges scored the only goal at Watford.

Graham Turner was the first managerial casualty in the First Division. On the same day Villa's first team were thrashed 6-0 by Nottingham Forest, their reserves collapsed 7-0 to Manchester United. Billy McNeil leaves Manchester City to become Villa's new boss on a £70,000 a year



Colin Clarke

contract.

Saints defender Mark Dennis is sent off for the ninth time in his career, after the final whistle in a 4-3 loss at Norwich. The FA show leniency, fining him just £250 with £200 costs.

Bristol City manager Terry Cooper is booked for entering the field of play to complain about one of his players being sent off in a 2-0 loss at Bournemouth. The player's name? David Moyes.

Only 32,440 watch the Manchester derby at Maine Road - the lowest attendance in the game's history.

At Fratton Park, police eject two Pompey players from the ground - Mick Quinn and Paul Wood - for shouting abuse at a linesman during the home side's win against West Brom. Hampshire's Chief Constable replies to boss Alan Ball's complaint by saying players must realise the ground rules also apply to them.

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Players are left behind

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Oxford United's team coach leaves Loftus Road after a 1-1 draw with QPR without seven of the players, including goalscorer John Aldridge. The players left behind demand a showdown meeting with boss Maurice Evans, who later apologises. Aldridge, though, says he wants to leave - and joins Liverpool a few months later.

● Mark Dennis is sent off again, for the tenth time in his career, as Saints beat Aston Villa 2-1 in a League Cup tie.

Chelsea are in trouble near the foot of the top flight after losing 4-0 at home to Wimbledon, with Alan Cork - son of ex-Saints midfielder Jack - among the scorers.

Only 601 people watch Torquay's home game with Swansea in the Freight Rover Trophy (now the EFL Trophy, showing that the tournament has never been popular with supporters).



Mark Dennis.

Mark Dennis is suspended for a week after going public in a national newspaper about a brawl he had with Peter Shilton three years earlier during their time at The Dell. The FA later charge Dennis with bringing the game into disrepute.

● On December 20, Manchester United beat Leicester 2-0 at Old Trafford to climb to their highest position of the season so far - 15th (out of 22). Boss Ron Atkinson had been sacked a month earlier, following a 4-1 League Cup loss at The Dell, with Alex Ferguson replacing him. An inspired change.

1987 starts with Leicester hammering Sheffield Wednesday 6-1 - ex-Saints star Steve Moran hitting a hat-trick.

Manchester United physio Jim McGregor saves defender Kevin Moran's life after the player swallows his tongue.

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Terry the hero –

By Simon Carter



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Saints' equaliser had come from an unlikely source. Steve Williams, who superbly volleyed Paul Hart's headed clearance from just outside the penalty area, had yet to score all season.

Indeed, his strike at Elland Road would prove his only goal of 1978/79.

As for Holmes, he ended the season as Saints' top league marksman. The midfielder netted eight times, with Boyer one behind.

The Echo also reported that 12 Saints fans had spent the night in a Yorkshire police station following the game - but it had nothing to do with hooliganism.

Instead, they were invited to stay somewhere warm after their hired minibus broke down on the M1 on the way back south.

The minibus was towed into Barnsley and the fans spent the night in the town's police station.

The Echo said the bus was being driven by Richard Gulliver, and his passengers were Geoff Stubington, Kevin Badger, Wayne Todd, Bruce Frazer, Dave Monk, Gary Todd, Darryl Nicholls, Scott McFarlane, Nick Chmarmy, Alan Bull and John Wray.

"We don't normally put people up but it was an emergency," said a Police spokesman.

January 30

**Semi final second leg
Saints 1 Leeds 0
(Saints won 3-2 on aggregate)**

There were fears the second leg at The Dell would be postponed for 24 hours due to overnight frost on an already saturated pitch.

But the Echo spoke to referee Clive Thomas on the morning of the game, and the Welshman said: "We're in business. The groundsman has done a fantastic job and the game is on."

"It's soft on the top and it will take a stud. I don't foresee any problems."

Leeds boss Jimmy Adamson said: "We like as nice a surface as possible to play on, but this is better than I expected."

"I came into Southampton this morning expecting to be told that we'd have to wait another 24 hours."

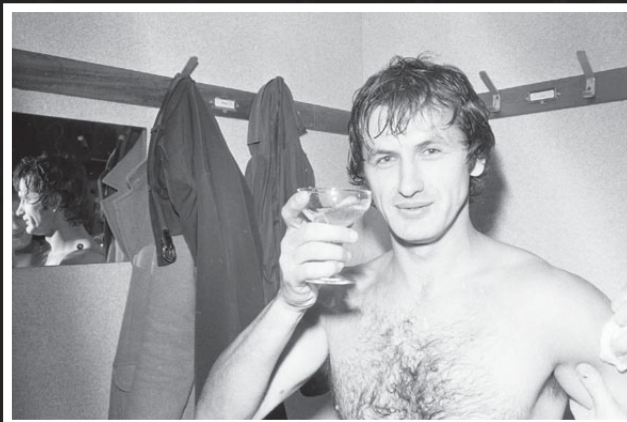
History records that winger Terry Curran's early goal took Saints back to Wembley.

Curran had never previously

netted for the club, and he would never score again for them.

This is how the Daily Echo's front page reported the news the following day ...

"Red and white or yellow and blue. Saints are on their way to Wembley for the third time in three years after last night's drama-packed semi-final triumph against Leeds United.



Ivan Golac, left, celebrates after Saints reached the 1979 League Cup final.



Malcolm Waldron celebrates with a bottle of milk after Saints beat Leeds in 1979. Middle pic - Lawrie McMenemy is mobbed at the final whistle.

The colours will come later. All Saints' fans were interested in last night was the fact that their heroes will be playing the League champions and League Cup holders Nottingham Forest in the final on March 17. Forest themselves play in red and white.

Even Manchester United will have to sit back and wait, for they were due at The Dell on March

17 and now that all-ticket league game will be put off to another date.

The celebrations were given an early start last night with former Forest winger Terry Curran scoring the all-important goal in the 11th minute.

A crescendo of noise erupted as Curran's shot bugled the net and the euphoria grew as the night

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just for one day



Match-winner Terry Curran after Saints had beaten Leeds in 1979. Bottom pic - Curran with boss Lawrie McMenemy and Alan Ball

went on, reaching a deafening climax when Welsh referee Clive Thomas signalled the end.

Players were mobbed on their way back to the tunnel by thousands of fans who swarmed onto the pitch and waited in front of the directors' box to give the team a swinging, swinging celebration salute.

Wembley, once a dream, was

again a reality. And a place in the League Cup final will complete a hat-trick for manager Lawrie McMenemy and two of his players, Nick Holmes and David Peach.

All three were involved in both the FA Cup final against Manchester United and the FA Charity Shield against Liverpool in 1976, and now they can complete the set."

On the back page, Peter East had this to say ...

"Terry Curran, the £60,000 right winger signed from Derby County at the start of the season, repaid the transfer fee with a massive dividend when he scored the goal which last night booked Saints a ticket to the League Cup final at Wembley against the holders, Nottingham Forest.

Curran's super goal - his first for Saints - came in the 11th minute after a magical move inspired by Trevor Hebbard, an unsung hero who cost nothing.

As Saints built up against a Leeds defence they were beginning to mesmerise, Hebbard pushed a pass to Nick Holmes and then, after skipper Alan Ball had sent him darting forward on the left, he worked a quick one-two with Holmes.

That left Hebbard clear, Leeds' defence was falling apart at the seams, and when the 20-year-old lad from Alresford drove the ball low across the Leeds' goalmouth, left back Frank Gray failed to clear and Curran came in with the goal at his mercy and Wembley in his sights.

The winger brought the ball under control, steadied himself, and then sent a shot crashing into the roof of the net past a helpless Leeds goalkeeper David Harvey.

The Dell erupted and from then on, it was singing all the way as Saints produced a two-legged aggregate result which made a mockery of the 4-0 defeat they suffered at Leeds in the First Division in November.

Once again, a tactical masterstroke had a major bearing on the way the game went.

With everyone expecting him to bring in striker Tony Sealey or goalscoring midfielder man Graham Baker in place of the suspended Phil Boyer, manager Lawrie McMenemy called on defender Manny Andruszewski and plonked him on the heels of the immensely skilful Leeds skipper Tony Currie.

Currie, whose talents had dogged Saints in the 4-0 drubbing at Elland Road and in the 2-2 draw in the first half of last week's game at Leeds was blotted out.

And there was an extra bonus from Andruszewski's impressive performance. With Currie taken out of the game, Saints' skipper Alan Ball was allowed all the freedom he needed to prod and prompt Saints through the game.

With Chri Nicholl and Malcolm Waldron a formidable pair in the middle of the defence, Leeds' big strikers Ray Hankin and John Hawley looked lost for long spells and it was surprise when Leeds manager Jimmy Adamson finally lost faith in the 64th minute and replaced Hawley with Welsh international Carl Harris.

There was, admittedly, the odd frantic scramble in the Saints penalty area and after a hot shot from Hawley had bounced off goalkeeper Terry Gennoe's chest and been saved at the second attempt, Flynn had a curling shot pushed for a corner by the Saints goalkeeper.

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Hereford's great win

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He clears Moran's air passage with the handle of a pair of scissors.

United's Liam O'Brien is sent off after only 85 seconds of his side's 1-1 draw with Saints - the quickest red card in top flight history.

Fourth Division Aldershot beat top flight Oxford United 3-0 in the third round of the FA Cup at the Recreation Ground. Only 2,034 turn up due to admission prices being hiked up - including terrace tickets being raised to £9. It is the lowest ever attendance for a third round tie.

Telford United were forced by the Police to play their home FA Cup tie against Leeds United at a neutral venue because of fears of crowd trouble. The tie took place at West Bromwich's Hawthorns stadium and was watched by a crowd of only 6,460. The FA paid the £20,000 Police bill for the 300 officers who attended the game.



Ian Rush.

In a fourth division game, Burnley lost 6-0 at home to Hereford United. Three decades on, one of those clubs is now in the Premier League and the other no longer exists, having tumbled into extinction due to financial problems.

Up at Sunderland, Lawrie McMenemy agrees to take a paycut to help the club's finances. But he is still British football's best paid manager at around £3,000 a week.

The father of Nottingham Forest winger Franz Carr tells his son not to accept a new contract offer which will pay him 'only' £400 per week.

Chelsea's smallest league crowd for almost four years - just 9,546 - see them beat Oxford United 4-0 in the league (not to younger readers, Chelsea have not always been a big club).

Ian Rush scores his 11th Liverpool hat-trick in a 4-3 win against Leicester City.

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Merger plans

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In February 1987, it was announced Fulham would drop out of the Football League at the end of the season and merge with west London neighbours QPR. The new club will play at Loftus Road and be called 'Fulham Park Rangers'. There are subsequent protests at both clubs - the kick off at Loftus Road is delayed by 19 minutes and the second half of a Fulham game is held up while police clear the Craven Cottage pitch of banner-waving supporters.

Elsewhere in London, Crystal Palace chairman Ron Noades announces he is keen on a merger with Wimbledon.

Nine players are booked as Leeds end Portsmouth's run of 18 successive home wins with a 1-1 draw.

In the UEFA Cup, Dundee United are through to the semi finals after a sensational victory over Barcelona - the Scots winning both legs. Imagine that today!



Ron Noades

Sunderland director Barry Bayet publicly calls for the sacking of Lawrie McMenemy. The Saints legend does indeed leave Roker park a few weeks later, with Bob Stokoe making an emotional return - but he can't help prevent Sunderland going down to the third division.

Ian Rush scores his 202nd goal for Liverpool in the League Cup final against Arsenal. Liverpool have never lost any of the previous 145 games in which Rush has netted. They lose this one, though, Charlie Nicholas' double giving the Gunners a 2-1 success.

Mark Dennis, having fallen out with Saints boss Chris Nicholl, joins QPR for £58,000.

Ally McCoist takes his Rangers seasonal goal tally to 37 with a hat-trick against Hearts. But he is not the top scorer in the Scottish top flight - Celtic's Brian McClair has passed the 40-goal mark.

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Reds too strong

By Simon Carter



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But Saints, pushing full backs Ivan Golac and David Peach forward down the flanks and always looking for the chance to get Nick Holmes and Steve Williams going through the middle in support of Curran and Hebberd, were doing their stuff too.

And Leeds were visibly losing their cool. Unbeaten in their previous 11 away games, they were no longer the all-confident free-scoring unit they had been in recent games and frustration began to creep in.

Saints came smiling through and then, in the 70th minute, when Gennoe made a brilliant full length diving save to keep out a shot from Currie, one began to get the feeling it was all over.

Gennoe had another save to make in the 75th minute when Flynn hammered in a fierce long range shot, but Leeds were fading fast.

And after directing the drama on the pitch, Mr McMenemy came scrambling out of the dug-out eight minutes from time to conduct the choir on the terraces.

He coaxed and cajoled the fans into a throbbing version of 'The Saints Go Marching On' and then, as the end grew closer, 'We're on our way to Wembley' took over.

And when that firm by never fussy referee Clive Thomas blew the whistle for full time, there was no doubt about it cup fever was on the rampage.

Thousands of fans swarmed across the pitch and the chanting built up again until first the team and then Mr McMenemy appeared in the directors' box to take the salute.

Saints: Gennoe, Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Andruszewski (Baker, 86), Hebberd, Holmes, Curran.

Leeds: Harvey, Cherry, F Gray, Flynn, Hart, Madeley E Gray, Hankin, Hawley (Harris, 64), Currie, Graham.

Attendance: 23, 646.

Not everyone was in party mood, however.

The Daily Echo also reported how sections of the Leeds support did not take kindly to their team's loss.

Under the heading 'Fans on Dell rampage', the paper wrote ..

'Scores of half-drunk, shouting, missile-throwing Leeds fans made the Saints victory last night 'the worst match of the season' for Hampshire Police at The Dell.

But a major confrontation be-



tween rival fans was averted by the news and strengthened fence erected by Southampton Football Club at The Archers Road end of the ground.

Police 'souvenirs' of last night's Saints League Cup triumph today included a number of stones, bottles and metal nuts thrown by Leeds supporters from the Archers Road terraces. Several people

were treated for injuries by St John Ambulance volunteers.

At least two Leeds supporters were detained at Southampton General Hospital, allegedly injured in fights with rival fans."

There was no happy ending for Saints, sadly.

Nottingham Forest retained the League Cup with a 3-2 Wembley success, after Saints had led

through goals from David Peach and Nick Holmes.

Leeds only lost four out of their last 17 top flight games to finish fifth, while Saints won only two of their last 14 to finish 14th.

Semi final hero Terry Curran would only play five more league games for Saints prior to dropping down two divisions to sign for Sheffield Wednesday for

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30 years ago ...



Action from both legs of Saints' League Cup semi final loss to Liverpool in 1986/87.



£100,000.

Curran, who had grown up in Yorkshire supporting Wednesday, established himself as a cult hero at Hillsborough, and was top scorer with 24 goals when the Owls won promotion from the old Third Division in 1979/80.

Curran returned to the top flight at Everton in 1983, and made a handful of appearances

during the 'Toffees' 1984/85 First Division title campaign.

● SAINTS and Liverpool have met before in the semi finals of the League Cup.

Here, the Sports Pink looks back at their two-legged tussle in 1986/87.

February 11, 1987

Semi final first leg Saints 0 Liverpool 0

Saints failed to score against a Liverpool side who played virtually half the game with only ten men.

The second half was only a min-

ute old when visiting striker Paul Walsh was sent off by referee Keith Hackett for a blatant off-the-ball elbow into Kevin Bond's face.

Despite that, Saints - sixth bottom of the First Division at the time, just two points above the drop zone - failed to carve out many clear openings.

Liverpool, third in the top flight, had shaded the first half, with Gary Gillespie shooting over from close range and Peter Shilton saving well from Jan Molby.

Glenn Cockerill shot straight at Ronnie Whelan's stomach when well placed at the other end, while Bruce Grobbelaar acrobatically turned Danny Wallace's shot wide for a corner.

Bond was himself at the centre of more attention in the second half, when he crudely brought down Ian Rush.

The likes of Alan Hansen and Steve McMahon sprinted over to get involved in the resultant fracas, but Hackett only showed Bond a yellow card.

Craig Johnston was given a sight of goal late on, but was denied by a superb tackle from Mark Wright - who the previous March had suffered a broken leg playing for Saints against Liverpool in the FA Cup semi final at White Hart Lane.

Saints: Shilton, Forrest, Dennis, Case, Wright, Bond, Holmes (Lawrence), Cockerill, Clarke, Armstrong (Towson) Wallace
Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Gillespie, Venson, Lawrenson, Whelan, Hansen, Walsh, Johnston, Rush, Molby, McMahon.

February 25, 1987

Semi final second leg Liverpool 3 Saints 0 (aggregate 3-0)

Saints were without first choice left back Mark Dennis as they aimed to reach the League Cup final for only the second time.

At the time, it was reported that he was serving a suspension for an internal matter which hadn't been made public.

Years later, Dennis would reveal he had come to blows with boss Chris Nicholl over the breaking of a curfew.

He would never play for Saints again.

David Armstrong was deployed as a makeshift left back while Saints were also without skipper Nick Holmes, who was injured.

Liverpool were without strike pair Paul Walsh and John Aldridge.

The former was suspended after being sent off at The Dell, while the latter was cup tied having only recently arrived from Oxford United. *Cont on page 20.*

Champions

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Into May 1987 and Everton are crowned First Division champions for the second time in three seasons - Pat Van Den Hauwe scoring the only goal at Norwich after only 55 seconds.

Bournemouth, under the management of Harry Redknapp, clinch promotion to the second tier for the first time ever after a 3-1 success at Fulham. Trevor Aylott scores twice and ex-Saint Tony Sealey is also on target.

Pompey are back in the First Division for the first time in 28 years after promotion rivals Oldham lost 2-0 at Shrewsbury while Alan Ball's side were being beaten 1-0 at Crystal Palace (Ian Wright on target).

A police dog helps Torquay United avoid relegation to non league football.

In time added on for the injury to home defender Jim McNichol - who had been bitten by the dog while he was trying to take a throw-in - Torquay equalised at home to Crewe. The point



Harry Redknapp

took them above Lincoln, who as a result became the first Football League club automatically relegated to the Conference.

Dave Bassett resigns as Wimbledon manager after steering the Dons to sixth in their first ever top flight season. He then takes over at Watford, whose manager Graham Taylor replaces Billy McNeil at relegated Aston Villa.

For the first time in the club's history, Ipswich Town sack a manager - Bobby Ferguson.

Dundee United are beaten 2-1 on aggregate in the UEFA Cup final by Swedish club Gothenburg.

Underdogs Coventry City beat Tottenham 3-2 in a thrilling Saints announce that England keeper Peter Shilton can leave The Dell after five years, while also slapping an £850,000 price tag on the head of defender Mark Wright. Both players eventually join Derby.

1987 semi final defeat

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Among the Liverpool subs was new £440,000 signing from Chelsea, Romsey-born Nigel Spackman.

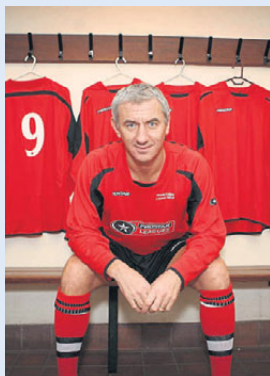
Saints held out until 23 minutes from time when Ronnie Whelan finished off a flowing move involving Gary Gillespie, player-manager Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush.

Grobelaar was relieved to see a Danny Wallace cross land on top of his crossbar before Dalglish controlled a Craig Johnston cross and doubled the advantage.

Jan Molby curled in a third from the edge of the penalty area five minutes from time, after Saints had failed to clear a Dalglish cross.

Liverpool Grobelaar, Gillespie, Venison, Lawrenson (Spackman), Whelan, Hansen, Dalglish, Johnston, Rush, Molby, McMahon.

Saints: Shilton, Forrest, Armstrong (Baker), Case, Wright, Bond, Wallace, Cockerill, Townsend (Le Tissier), Clarke, Lawrence.



Ian Rush.

● Ian Rush put Liverpool ahead in the Wembley final against Arsenal.

At the time, famously, the Reds had never lost when Rush had scored - a record stretching to 145 games (and 201 goals in all competitions). But Scottish striker Charlie Nicholas netted twice - his second goal deflecting in off Ronnie Whelan - to end that amazing run.

Also in the Arsenal team was ex-Saint Steve Williams.

● Tottenham's Clive Allen established a League Cup record for most goals in a single season in 1986/87.

He netted 12 times in Spurs' run to the semi-finals, where they were beaten by arch rivals Tottenham in a replay.

Allen scored twice in a 5-0 third round win against Birmingham and struck a hat-trick in a 5-0 quarter final hammering of West Ham.

In all, Allen struck an amazing 49 goals that season for Tottenham, including 33 in the league.

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Journeys to

By Peter Howard



SAINTS face Liverpool in the first leg of their League Cup semi final next Wednesday.

This is how both clubs got to within sight of a showpiece Wembley occasion ...

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Third round Saints 2 C Palace 0

Goals from Charlie Austin and Jake Hesketh gave Saints victory in this all-Premier League affair.

Austin's fourth goal in the space of six days and three games gave Claude Puel's men a deserved lead after half an hour.

Palace lost captain Scott Dann early on to a suspected hamstring injury and it was his replacement Martin Kelly who was at fault in the build-up to the opening goal.

The central defender failed to control the ball with his chest and as it ran away from him Shane Long gave chase and was tripped inside the box.

Saints' continued pressure in the second half finally told as they doubled their lead through 20-year-old Hesketh.

When Long's shot was saved by Hennessey the rebound broke to Hesketh, who calmly swept a left-footed finish into the bottom corner for his first senior goal.

It was the youngster's first competitive appearance for the club since Ronald Koeman had handed him his first league start at Burnley in December 2014.

Puel also gave a competitive debut to goalkeeper Alex McCarthy, who had been signed from Palace in the summer.

Saints: A McCarthy, M Yoshida, M Targett, J Fonte, C Martina, J Clasie, J Ward-Prowse, H Reed, J Hesketh (P Hojbjerg, 77), C Austin (N Redmond, 57), S Long (D Tadic, 89)

Fourth round Saints 1 Sunderland 0

Record £16m signing Sofiane Boufal scored with a stunning strike into the top corner from the edge of the box to secure Saints' place in the quarter-finals.

Boufal's winner, on his first start since his summer move from Lille, was a rare effort on goal in a disappointing tie as Saints advanced to the last eight for the third season running.

Saints boss Claude Puel had made nine changes to the side that drew with Manchester City, including naming six academy graduates.



Jake Hesketh pictured during his man of the match display against Palace

Among them was centre half Jack Stephens, who was making only his second ever senior start - at right back.

Amazingly, Stephens' first appearance had been under Nigel Adkins in an FA Cup tie at Coventry way back in January 2012!

In addition to starting Harrison Reed and James Ward-Prowse for the second round running, Puel

also gave winger Lloyd Isgrove a rare chance to impress.

Sam McQueen was included at left back, while academy striker Olufena Olomola came on for his competitive first team debut after luckless Jay Rodriguez went off injured in the first half.

Saints: A McCarthy, M Yoshida, J Stephens, S McQueen, J Fonte, J Ward-Prowse, P Hojbjerg, H Reed (J Clasie, 82), L Isgrove (N Redmond,

72), S Boufal, J Rodriguez (O Olomola yellow card, 26).

Quarter final Arsenal 0 Saints 2

Saints progressed to the semi-finals of the EFL Cup for the first time since 1987 thanks to a convincing victory over a below-par

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cup semi-final



Soufiane Boufal scores a superb winner on his first start against Sunderland. Below, Jordy Clasie celebrates his first ever Saints goal at Arsenal.

and under-strength Arsenal.

Goals from Jordy Clasie - his first for the club - and Ryan Bertrand secured victory for a Saints side which inflicted a first defeat on the Gunners since the opening day of the season.

Manager Arsene Wenger, who has never won this competition during his 20-year reign in north London, made 10 changes to the

Arsenal team which beat Bournemouth 3-1 in the Premier League on Sunday and paid the price.

Claude Puel, though, made seven from the starting XI that had beaten Everton three days earlier.

Maya Yoshida and Cuco Martina came in the back four, while Jordy Clasie, Steven Davis, Harrison Reed and Soufiane Boufal made up a new-look midfield.

Puel also recalled Sam McQueen to the starting XI, but this time used him in an advanced midfield role rather than at left back.

In Aaron Ramsey, Alex Iwobi and Mohamed Elneny, the Gunners had Premier League regulars in their starting line-up - but without Alexis Sanchez, Theo Walcott, Olivier Giroud and

Mesut Ozil, they lacked guile and bite.

Clasie gave the visitors an early lead, leaving goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez with no chance as the Dutchman struck first time from long range in what was the match's first effort on target.

Saints soon doubled their advantage, again from distance.

Carl Jenkinson lost possession in his own half and the visitors pounced, with Davis and Boufal combining to set up Bertrand for a first-time shot from the edge of the box.

Saints: F Forster, C Martina, M Yoshida, V van Dijk, R Bertrand, J Clasie, H Reed (P Hojbjerg, 65), S Davis, S Boufal (J Sims, 66), S McQueen, S Long.

LIVERPOOL

Second round Burton 0 Liverpool 5

Entering the tournament at the second round stage in late August, Jurgen Klopp fielded a strong Reds XI at the Championship newcomers.

His starting XI fielded four former Saints - Nathaniel Clyne, Dejan Lovren, Adam Lallana and Sadio Mane.

The Reds led in the 15th minute when Belgian striker Divock Origi - Liverpool's hat-trick hero at St Mary's in the League Cup in December 2015 - flicked in from close range.

Brazilian striker Roberto Firmino made it 2-0, heading in Clyne's cross.

Tom Naylor inadvertently put the ball in his own net after the break before England international Daniel Sturridge, on as a second half sub, tapped in his first and then thumped home the Reds' fifth.

Liverpool: S Mignolet, N Clyne, J Matip, J Milner, D Lovren, J Henderson, E Can (K Stewart, 71), A Lallana (D Sturridge, 64), R Firmino (G Wijnaldum, 64), S Mane, D Origi

Third round Derby 0 Liverpool 3

Jurgen Klopp made seven changes from the previous Premier League game, and there were fewer familiar names on show when Liverpool comfortably defeated the Rams at Pride Park.

Estonian defender Ragnar Klavan gave the visitors the lead, slotting in his first Reds goal from a Philippe Coutinho corner.

Coutinho got the second after a one-two with Roberto Firmino, before setting up Divock Origi to lash in a third.

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Posh set to attack Blues

Grant McCann insists Peterborough will not be changing their style of play when they face "one of the best teams in Europe" in the FA Cup third round.

The Posh boss takes his Sky Bet League One side to Premier League leaders Chelsea on Sunday hoping to pull off an upset.

Peterborough were beaten 5-0 when they visited Stamford Bridge at the same stage of the competition in 2001 and McCann is expecting another stiff test.

"It's a great opportunity for the players to play against world-class players, with a big fan base coming from Peterborough," he told the club's official website.

"I think it's sold-out, which is great, everyone's looking forward to it and we can't wait.

"(I want to) go and enjoy it, go and play our normal game, we won't be changing for Chelsea. I know that might sound a bit arrogant, it's not.

"We'll go there and try our best, give everything we have for the football club and hopefully we can come away with a positive result but we're under no illusions; we're playing against probably the best team in Europe at the minute, one of the best."

League Two promotion hopefuls Plymouth also face a tricky tie when they travel almost 300 miles to take on Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool.

Argyle will be backed by around 8,600 away fans at Anfield for their first meeting with the Reds since April



Chelsea boss Antonio Conte.

1962.

Irish midfielder Graham Carey, who grew up supporting Liverpool, feels the Pilgrims are capable of springing a surprise against the Premier League's second-placed side.

"There's no point going there if you don't believe that," the 27-year-old told Plymouth's official website. "No one's going to give us a chance; everyone will say there is a big gulf in class, but it's the FA Cup and on the day you never know what can happen, with a bit of luck.

"Playing in League One or League Two, you don't really get the chance to go and play in those stadiums. Sunday will be great - but only if we go there and give the fans the best performance possible."

Elsewhere, Steve Bruce feels Championship Aston Villa have been handed one of the sternest tests of the third round as they prepare to play Tottenham at White Hart Lane.

The 56-year-old guided former club Hull to the 2014 final, while Villa were runners-up the following year.

"We couldn't have asked for anything more difficult," Bruce told avfc.co.uk. "But we have to hope we can play to our best and catch Spurs on an off day."

He added: "I was fortunate to win it as a player and fortunate to get to a cup final with Hull."

"It's one of the great sporting events of our country. To be involved in it is a fantastic feeling. From the build-up to the game itself, it's a fantastic occasion."

Story so far

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Derby offered little throughout, producing only two shots to test keeper Loris Karius on his Liverpool debut.

Midfielders Ovie Ejaria, 19, and Marko Grujic, 18, were also handed their senior Reds debuts.

Liverpool: L Karius, R Klavan, N Clyne, J Matip, A Moreno Perez, M Grujic, Lucas, J Henderson (E Can, 57), D Origi, R Firmino (O Ejaria, 77), P Coutinho (D Ings, 64).

Fourth round Liverpool 2 Tottenham 1

Jurgen Klopp made 11 changes - one more than Mauricio Pochettino - as Liverpool extended their unbeaten run to 10 matches thanks to a Daniel Sturridge brace.

Spurs struggled in attack until Vincent Janssen slammed home a penalty when sub Erik Lamela was fouled.

Defender Trent Alex-Arnold, 18, was handed his senior Reds debut while Ejaria and Grujic made their second appearances.



Daniel Sturridge.

Midfielder Kevin Stewart, a former Tottenham player, also made his first start of the season.

Liverpool: S Mignolet, Lucas, A Moreno Perez, R Klavan, T Alex-Arnold (D Ings, 68), G Wijnaldum, O Ejaria, M Grujic (E Can, 89), D Sturridge, D Origi (N Clyne, 68), K Stewart.

Quarter final Liverpool 2 Leeds 0

Teenager Ben Woodburn eclipsed Michael Owen as Liverpool's youngest goalscorer as the Reds progressed to the last four.

Divock Origi had opened the scoring from Trent Alex-Arnold's right-wing cross.

They secured a place in the last four when Wales Under-19 international Woodburn, aged 17 years and 45 days, fired in the second to beat Owen's record by 98 days.

Liverpool: S Mignolet, T Alex-Arnold, R Klavan, Lucas, A Moreno Perez, K Stewart (B Woodburn, 67), E Can, O Ejaria (J Milner, 82), G Wijnaldum, S Mane, D Origi (M Grujic, 89)

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'Jose wants to

SKIPPER Jose Fonte stunned the St Mary's fanbase this week when he handed in a formal transfer request.

Hundreds of fans have taken to the Daily Echo's social media sites to have their say.

Here is a selection of the postings on our website, dailyecho.co.uk

We need Fonte and Van/D, pay them more and keep them, then we will stay up. IF they go I think sadly we could go down. We cannot keep selling our best players and replace them with average players and survive. ACT NOW SAINTS PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

aldermoorboy

I can't see that you can get the best out of a player that wants to leave.

Far better, in my opinion, to sell for the best price, and bring in someone who does want to play.

One unsettled player can easily unsettle the rest, especially after a couple of defeats.

Linesman

Dunk from Brighton would make an ideal replacement. Jose wants to go so let him go - thanks for the good memories Jose but hope you get what it is you're looking for unlike so many others who thought they were making the right career move.

Armchair champ

Surely the main problem with Les (Reed) is not so much the players he signs, but he lets the best go for a big fee! Forget the agent argument, does not wash!

Fans do not like this module. It is understood, but most realise that Saints can never be really successful when we keep selling the best china. Ambition and 5-year plans cannot be taken seriously.

Mostly, Saints fans have and will suffer too many disappointments. Such a shame.

saintbobby

I just feel that we have lost our best players because they have been so good. We may not like it but we are still a small club, when ever a small club overachieves their best assets are stripped away. It's not like we haven't tried to keep them, they have (nearly all) been offered improved deals.

Leicester won the league last year and lost their best player straight away. Now you may say they kept Mahrez and Vardy but I don't think they will be there next year. We managed to do the same with Morgan, Wanyama and Mane, but not in the long term.

When Saints have a season ticket waiting list of about ten to fifteen thousand then we can ex-



Jose Fonte speaks with manager Claude Puel before the Premier League match at the Vitality Stadium, Bournemouth.

pand and move to the next stage of our development.

BigTankie

It is sad to hear Jose has handed in a transfer requested but not unexpected and I am not angry with the player. Jose has been a fantastic player and his personal development has been symbolic of our recent success. Could he

have seen out the rest of his career with us.....yes but he clearly wants to end with one more challenge and possibly the chance to play at the top before he's done (who wouldn't want to do that).

I for one wish Jose all the best as I did Rickie, just hope it works out better for him. An amazing player on an off the pitch who I am sure will always be a Saint at

heart.

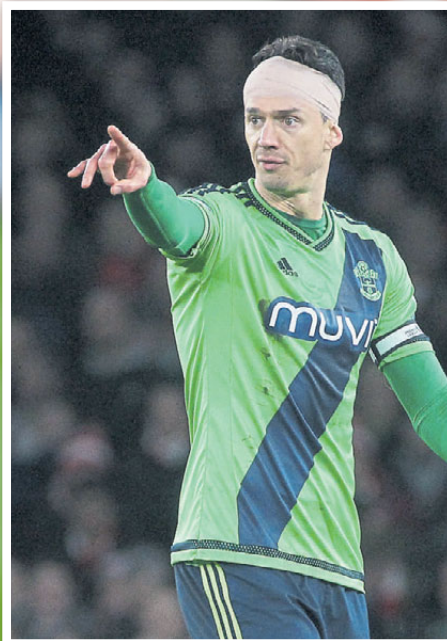
YeOldSaintss

Time to cancel the season ticket methinks. Year after year we pay for so-called quality players only to see a mass exodus each and every transfer window. It about time some of the Sky money filtered down to the dedicated supporters and not squandered on mercenar-

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go, let him go'



ies who kiss the badge until the 'big boys' come calling. Me? I'm off to support local non-league Sholing!

jonvon21

One other thing, perhaps Jose just likes and wants to play football every week. He managed a full season last year and then the European championship, then

comes back here and is promptly dropped, sorry rotated, from the UEFA team and league team as well. He's never been injury prone and still looks fit enough to play every match to me.

Everyone seems to be slagging him off for wanting a last big pay-day contract, perhaps he just wants to play for another couple of years and not be sat watch-

ing from the bench every other match.

I bet that if Puel left Jose would withdraw the transfer request.

Bassett Boy

£200k a week to join his old pal Pelle in China maybe? Cut through it all and ignore clappers and negs and there is but one conclusion. The lad has done

loads for us. He's not going to last forever and if he can get himself a mountain of cash then he deserves it. He's one of footballs proper grafters. Good Luck Jose wherever you land.

exiledinyork

No surprises here - we've been expecting this since the Summer.

I'd like to endorse all the positive comments already made about Jose. He is a legend and will be sorely missed.

However, it's clear that he's not quite the player he was and all the speculation cannot have helped the dressing room so it's probably the right time to move on.

I would imagine he'd be after a big pay day in China rather than harbouring any realistic aspirations of a permanent place in a top 6 EPL side.

Either way, we wish him well and turn our attentions to a strong second half of the season.

It's good to see Les Reed giving this candid interview. My main criticism of the current regime is that they don't communicate enough with the fan base.

Whistle while you work

Saints fans have also been posting in droves on the Daily Echo's Facebook page. Here is a selection of the comments so far.

Fuming. Jose has done so much for the club from the league one days right until now in the premier league. He deserves whatever he was asking for. He is pretty much irreplaceable right now. I can guarantee we won't be buying in the Jan transfer window even when it is painfully obvious we need new additions ASAP.

Luke Sawyer

And for those saying its bad under puel.....believe me its not bad, Ian branfoots reign as manager now that's what you called bad.... he dropped le tiss for weeks and played hoof it anywhere football....but I guess some of you are to young or even born to remember....

Matthew Stokes

Let us remember just where we were not so long ago!!!! Mid table in the premier league we'd have bitten an arm off for that back then!! No crisis or real mess just a phase we're going thru!! Keep the faith Saints fans!!

Michael Thomson

Oh great. You've got to be kidding me. The team captain. The dolts who manage this team and franchise are giving Swansea a run for their money in terms of mismanagement and a steady stream of wrong ideas.

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Stones' joy in City rout

JOHN Stones revelled in Manchester City's performance at both ends of the pitch after the 5-0 FA Cup demolition of West Ham.

The England defender grabbed his first City goal with a late header to add to Yaya Toure's penalty, a Havard Nordtveit own-goal and strikes from David Silva and Sergio Aguero.

"It's been a long time coming to be honest," he told the club website.

"I should have scored a few in previous games and it's nice to get one in a special cup.

"I thought we moved the ball well, first and foremost, and that got us the chances.

"We changed our system a bit, playing as a diamond with the front three. The overall performance was really good.

"And to get a clean sheet for us defenders, which we haven't had too many of, we're thrilled."

Aguero's 50th-minute strike moved him into third on City's all-time goalscoring charts on 154, one ahead of



John Stones.

Colin Bell.

It was another chastening evening for West Ham, who leaked five at the London Stadium for the second time in a month.

To add to the catalogue of problems at their new home, City boss Pep Guardiola claimed the Hammers' larger pitch played into his side's hands.

"We controlled the game through the passes and the pitch and stadium helped us in this sense," he said.

"In England the stadiums are usually cramped. It looks bigger you feel like you have more time. Maybe that helped us a little bit."

It was probably the last thing West Ham manager Slaven Bilic needed to hear as the club continue to try to adapt to their new surroundings.

"I can understand that, it's a great pitch in a big stadium and you have space - but we gave them space as well," he said.

"We gave them the holes between our lines and the space behind, especially after the first goal, in the crucial 10 minutes which basically decided the game."

Sensational comebacks

Arsenal produced an impressive comeback, rallying from 3-0 down in the final 20 minutes to draw 3-3 with Cherries in the Premier League.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at some other great turnarounds.

Newcastle 4 Arsenal 4

(Premier League, St James' Park 2011)

Arsenal looked to have the three points sewn up after just 26 minutes as they made a blistering start, with goals from Theo Walcott, Johan Djourou and a Robin van Persie double seemingly giving them an unassailable lead. But Newcastle had other ideas, and after the Gunners had Abou Diaby sent off, the hosts mounted the most stunning of recoveries. A brace of Joey Barton penalties and a Leon Best effort made it 4-3 and then they stole a point when Cheick Tiote sent in an



Olivier Giroud celebrates scoring Arsenal's leveller at Cherries.

unstoppable low drive from 25 yards.

Manchester United 2 Bayern Munich 1

(European Cup final, Nou Camp, 1999)

United trailed for nearly the entire game after falling behind to Mario Basler's sixth-minute free-kick. But, in the most amazing finish in the competition's history, United turned the game on its head. Substitute Teddy Sheringham equalised with a shot on the turn from eight yards, then David Beckham's corner was flicked on by Sheringham and fellow sub Ole Gunnar Solskjaer rifled the ball into the roof of the net.

Tottenham 3 Manchester City 4

(FA Cup fourth-round replay, White Hart Lane, 2004)

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'He'll always be

from page 23

As much as I dislike Puel this has nothing to do with him. Jose had made his mind up he was leaving back when the Euros finished, his complete lack of social media posts until the last transfer window had shut is proof of that...

Paul Dickinson

Sad to see him go after the loyalty he has shown.

He even dropped down a league to join us and now they've stuck him on the bench!

Paul Oliver

I don't want Jose to go but can you blame him!! League 1 to premier league then left out of all europa league games, who would be happy. Want to wish him all the best wherever he goes.. will always be a saints great.

Richard Smith

I don't blame him. if I was Virgil van dijck my transfer request would be on the table in the morning too citing lack of ambition. Appointing puel was the beginning of our downfall I'm afraid to say

Michael Macca Roberts

If he wants to go then let him! No players bigger than the club and If we can get a good fee for a 33 year old player and replace him well... than fine!

Jamie Simpson

I think it's about time the people who run this club stand up and make their intentions clear, I totally appreciate some of the best players will be sold but they need to be replaced they cannot rely on youth, it's time to spend to move forward.

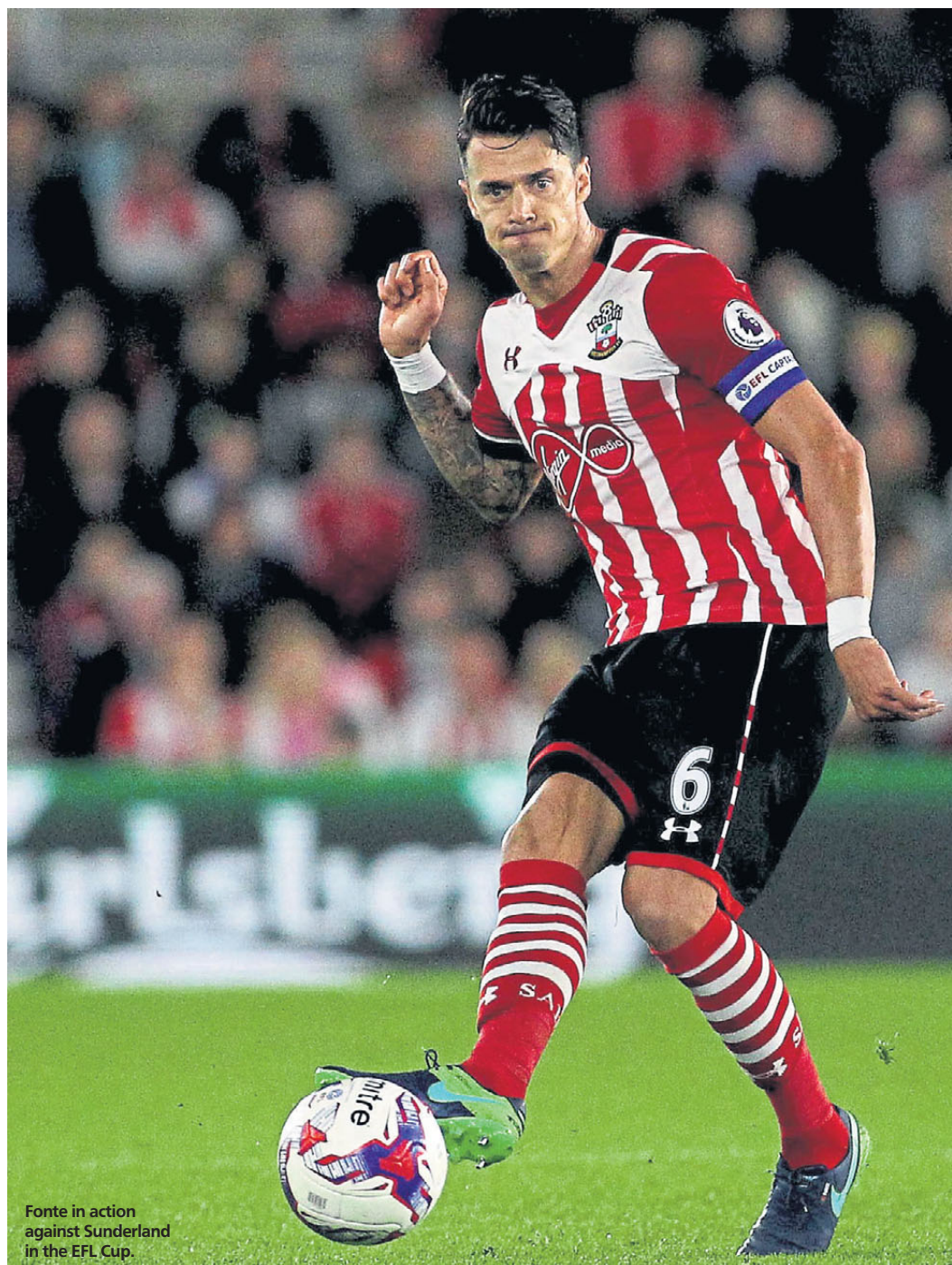
Keith Wood

Jose has been loyal to Saints for years. The club needs to start showing the same loyalty to him and most of all to the fans. Its about time we heard some response from the chairman or is he not the true chairman as he doesn't say a lot. Maybe Les Reed has all the say these days.

David Snook Snr

I really don't want him to go but, if he does it is because of the way the club has treated him and, in my opinion, not through personal greed. As with SRL, I would love him to stay but wish him all the very best with very many grateful thanks for all he has done for the club. I really did not think that I could get more p**** off after Brexit and Trump but, Southampton Football Club, you gave proved me wrong.

Ian Kempen



Fonte in action against Sunderland in the EFL Cup.

younger and promising then I'd say go for it.

Philip Baker

What sort of statement does it send out to the rest of the players when your Captain is sold? Can you blame him really? Seen the club constantly change manager, sell our best players year in year out, hardly motivating is it?

Matthew Knight

No matter what Saints offer him, he may just want the opportunity to play at a big club. If he wants to go to ManU he should talk to Luke and Morgan first because he may not play there long.

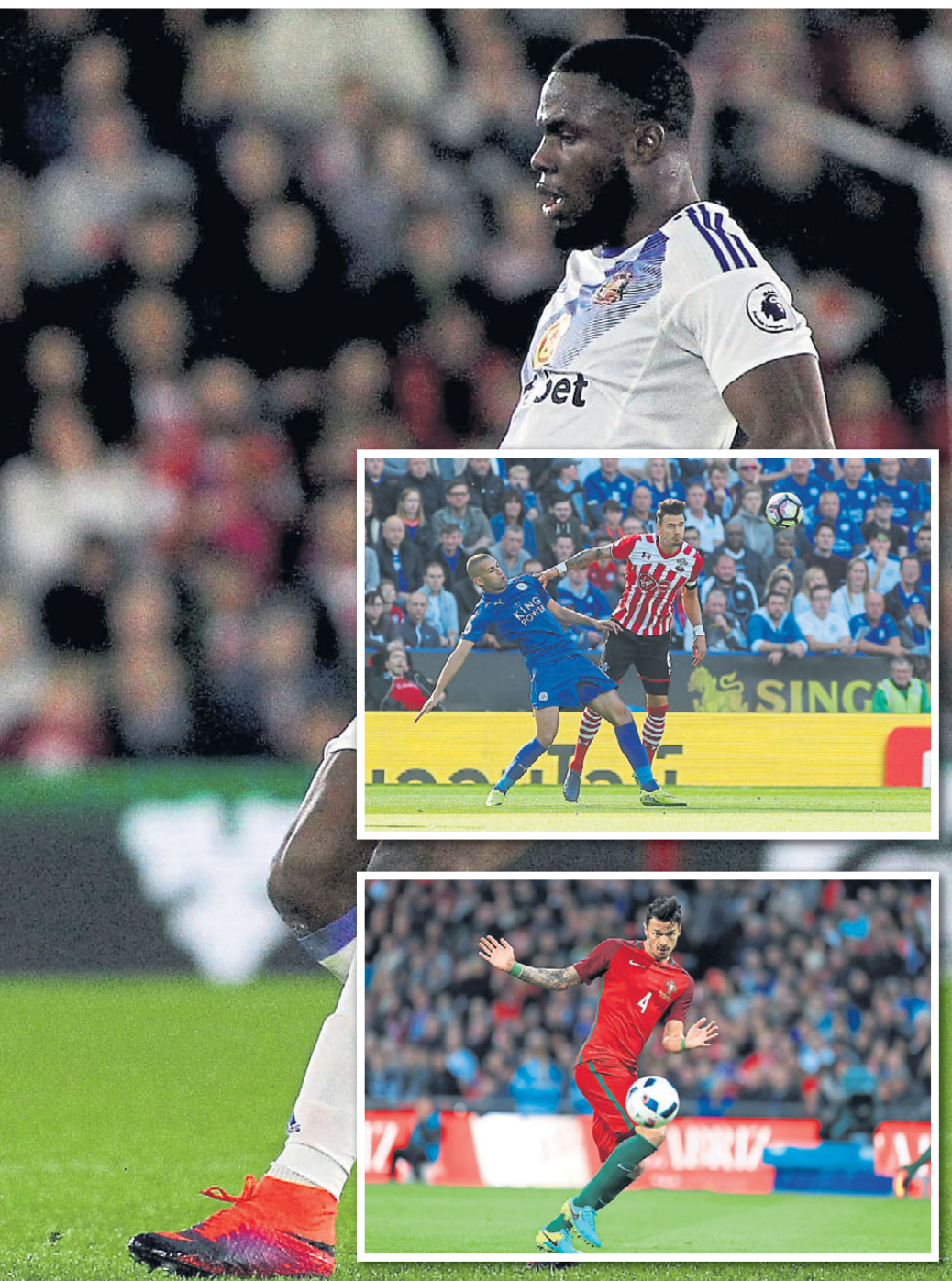
Jason Ferguson

When u lot hear the facts, I won-

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der how many of you will feel silly with all these comments, the club offered him a pay increase and an extension to his contract for one year which is what he wanted and he still wants to go, this explains why he does not play every game, don't get me wrong I would like him to stay, but if he wants to go, you can't blame the manager or the board

Kevin Hunt

Sad to see him go, he's been a great player for us, and we've made him the player he is today (full international etc). If he wants to go at 33, and someone pay us 9m... it's a no brainer!! Good luck Jose, and thanks fella!! A saints legend!

Loz Taylor

Personally i think he has got too big headed after the euros and changed. Saints did nothing wrong with their offer especially as he had signed one only the year before. I think his attitude has clashed with some above him. If he wants a bigger final pay day warming a bench he might as well do it on a bench higher up

the league
Graham Snelgar

I think its more likely his agent pushing him...The club offered him a pay rise, Fonte refuses to accept, he's on a contract which ends when he's 35, one last payday for his agent...

Matthew Stokes

Puel is steadily destroying everything we have worked for over the years. Fonte deserved so much more not what he got from Puel.

Robert Kenny

He can see the club going pear shaped and while he is still a top European winning centre half he wants to play for a team that will match his ambition. Very sad that it is the captain that many people will look up to for inspiration.

Moving On Mcfly

Good player on his Day but get 9 million and all good.

Mark Crowley

The club has no ambition, I for one will not be renewing my season ticket next year. Fed up of still being a selling club.

David Whitmore

Disappointed that Jose has asked to leave, Really like his partnership with Virgil, Had hoped that the club could have offered him a deal he could not turn down, Will not feel comfortable in our defence should he go.

Val Parker

People seem to forget he is already contracted to us until he is 35. Why would we offer him longer? Offered him a pay rise.. He refused. Let him go. No big deal.

Paul Shears

As long as there happy clappers the board won't change how they do things. What needs to happen before the happy few take there red and white rose tinted glasses off and see what's in front of there eyes.

Jamie Stone

Let him go with our blessing - he came back from the euros which he only got into playing for us, probably thinking he was worth loads more than he is - he's done a great job, maximise his price and let's move on, whining and moaning isn't going to achieve anything - who wants a player who doesn't want to be there anyway.

John Heath

All you are saying Puel has treated Fonte badly by having him on the bench....maybe Fonte threw a strop as a previous request got turned down??

Simon Cole

Comebacks

from facing page

City produced one of the greatest comebacks in FA Cup history as they came from three goals and a man down at half-time to win. Ledley King, Robbie Keane and Christian Ziege scored inside 43 minutes, then City had Joey Barton dismissed after the half-time whistle for dissent. But City gave a stunning second-half performance and won with goals from Sylvain Distin, Paul Bosvelt, Shaun Wright-Phillips and a stoppage-time header from Jon Macken.

Tranmere 4 Saints 3

(FA Cup fifth-round replay, Prenton Park, 2001)

Hassan Kachloul, Jo Tessem and Dean Richards gave the Saints a 3-0 lead by half-time and Tranmere looked dead and buried. Paul Rideout, a former Saints striker, sparked a Rovers comeback by pulling a goal back on the hour. Rideout made it 3-2 with a 70th-minute header and levelled



Paul Rideout

with his hat-trick goal 10 minutes later. Substitute Stuart Barlow capped an astonishing fightback seven minutes from time.

Tottenham 3 Manchester United 5

(Premier League, 2001)

Spurs stunned the champions in the first half - establishing a 3-0 interval lead with goals from Dean Richards, Les Ferdinand and Christian Ziege. However, United were a different side in the second half, Andy Cole, Laurent Blanc, Ruud van Nistelrooy, Juan Sebastian Veron and David Beckham on target.

Saints 3 Liverpool 3

(Premier League, 2000)

Saints came from 0-3 down with 16 minutes to go to draw through a Marian Pahars brace either side of a Tahar El Khalef goal. Michael Owen had earlier scored twice for the Reds.

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Lowford Community Centre,
Portsmouth Road,
Bursledon, 7.30pm.
Louise 07826 848981

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Regents Park Community College,
King Edwards Avenue,
5.30pm & 7.30pm
Tricia 07767 373471

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The Abbey Hall,
The Abbey,
5.30 & 7.30pm
Lynn 07971 354179

Sholing - AM & PM
St Andrews Methodist Church,
South East Road,
9.30 & 11.30am or 5.30 & 7.30pm
Hayley 07772 351717

Woolston - PM
St Patricks Parish Centre,
Porchester Road,
5.30 & 7.30pm
Vanessa 07746 533898

Tuesday's

Bitterne - AM
Catholic Church Hall,
Commercial Street,
9.30, 11.30am & 1.30pm
Jo 07733 235039

Bitterne - PM
Catholic Church Hall,
Commercial Street,
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Jo 07733 235039

Botley - AM
Botley Centre,
High Street,
9.15 & 11.15am
Viv 07899 736132

Hedge End - PM
St Johns Church,
Underhill Centre,
St Johns Road,
3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm
Claire 02380 407551

Lordswood - PM
Lordswood Community Centre,
Sandpiper Road, 6.30pm
Caroline 07540 752062

Millbrook - PM
All Saints Church,
Kendal Avenue,
5.30 & 7.30pm.
Krystal 07576 052709

Netley Abbey - PM
Abbey Hall, Victoria Road,
5.30 & 7.30pm
Claire 07917 851640

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Salvation Army Hall,
Victor Street,
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Jane 07912 374338

Shirley - PM
Shirley Baptist Church,
Crown Street,
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**New Session & Times
From 3rd January**
West End - PM
Hilldene Community Centre,
68 High Street,
9.30 & 11.30am
3pm, 5.30pm & 7.30pm
Kay 07833 746532

Wednesday's

Bitterne Park - PM
Bitterne Park Social Club
Manor Farm Road,
5.30 & 7.30pm
Laura 07825 210006

Hamble - PM
Hamble Village Memorial Hall
(Hall at rear), 4 High Street,
5.30 & 7.30pm.
Viv 07899 736132

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Lordshill Church,
Lordshill District Centre,
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Lynn 07971 354179

Millbrook - AM
All Saints Church,
Kendal Avenue,
9.30am. Krystal 07576 052709

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Peartree Road,
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St Monica Road,
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Catherine 07737 001413

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Woodley Village Hall,
School Road,
5.30 & 7.30pm
Charlotte 07810 643419

Thursday's

Chartwell - PM
Townhill Park Community Centre,
Meggeson Avenue,
5.30pm & 7.30pm
Kay 07833 746532

Hedge End - AM & PM
KCC (Kings Community Church),
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Upper Northam Rd,
8am, 10am & 12pm
3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm
Claire 02380 407551

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From 5th January**
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Highfield House Hotel,
Highfield Lane,
6 & 8pm
Jenna 07595 325540

North Baddesley - PM
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Botley Road,
5.30 & 7.30pm
Charlotte 07810 643419

Thornhill Park - PM
Thornhill Baptist Church,
Thornhill Park Road,
5.30 & 7.30pm

Upper Shirley - PM
Atherley Bowling Club,
Hill Lane, 5.30 & 7.30pm
Julie 07949 256891

Weston - AM & PM
Chamberlayne Leisure Centre,
Weston Lane,
9.30 & 11.30am
3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm
Hayley 07545 772258

Friday's

Upper Shirley - AM
Atherley Bowling Club,
Hill Lane, 9.30am
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Woolston - AM
St Patricks Parish Centre,
Porchester Road, 9am
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Saturday's

**New Group & New Consultant
From 7th January**
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Merryoak Road
9am. Matt 07834 059733

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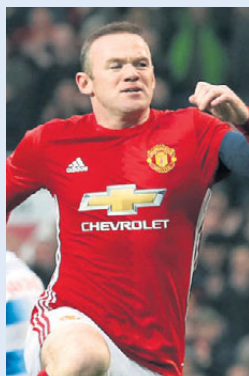
MANCHESTER UNITED 4 READING 0

WAYNE Rooney moved level with Sir Bobby Charlton as Manchester United's all-time top scorer, setting Jose Mourinho's men on the way to an eighth successive win in a one-sided FA Cup clash with Reading.

A long-standing air of inevitability made way for collective joy as Old Trafford stood in unison to celebrate the 249th United goal by one of the club's greatest players.

Charlton, rather fittingly, was chief among those marking Rooney's historic moment just seven minutes into a comfortable 4-0 victory against Reading, taking United's winning run to eight matches in all competitions.

However, that form and the FA Cup holders'



Wayne Rooney celebrates.

progress from the third round were mere side notes, as their 31-year-old captain at last drew level with Charlton's scoring record.

Rooney's effort off his knee was unorthodox but historic, turning home Juan Mata's cross on his 543rd appearance to the delight of team-mates and the Old Trafford faithful.

Anthony Martial, whose quick feet were key in the England captain's opener, quickly added a second via a slight deflection and Reading manager Jaap Stam was fortunate that his former club were not out of sight by half-time.

United managed 18 shots in the first half – more than any opening period under Mourinho this term – and Marcus Rashford's brace added gloss to scoreline after the break, tucking home smartly and capitalising on Ali Al Habsi's gaffe for his first goals since September 24.

Argyle boss hopeful for unlikely Anfield win

Plymouth boss Derek Adams insists the Pilgrims will travel to Anfield to face Liverpool in the Emirates FA Cup third round determined to return to Home Park with victory.

Argyle are on course for promotion this season and sit second in the table, four points adrift of Doncaster.

"We're obviously looking forward to the

game," Adams told the club's official website. "It's a terrific day for the supporters and everybody associated (with the club). The players are looking forward to it and we go to Anfield on Sunday with the aim of trying to win the game.

"You're always learning but we don't have too many players here now that were at Wem-

bley, probably only three of them were involved on that day.

"We'll do things exactly the same as Wembley, which was a big day, but I've managed in big games before, 60,000 at Celtic Park and the Scottish Cup final. We'll prepare things exactly the same way, train here on Saturday morning and travel up in the afternoon."

Barton threat to Symonds title bid

By Mike Vimpany



Barton Peveril are the sole threat to Peter Symonds' bid to retain the Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges title.

They climbed to the top of the table with a 4-0 win which effectively put seven-times champions Itchen out of the running.

Like PS, who have won all seven matches, Barton Peveril are unbeaten, with drawn matches against Andover (1-1) and Itchen (4-4 earlier in the campaign) the only glitches on their record.

Significantly, the top pair still have to play each other - Chestnut Avenue on February 8 being the first of the two games which will decide the championship.

BP and Symonds have met once this season - in the ESFA Under-18 Cup, the tie ending 1-1 before Barton won through on penalties.

A lively start at Chestnut Avenue in midweek saw both sides rattle the woodwork before the impressive Lewis Wild, from a seemingly offside position, raced clear to slot home.

Fragile

His pace then left the fragile Itchen defence in tatters as he lobbed home his second.

Jacob Harvey put the hosts three up in 20 minutes curling home a left foot shot from outside the box and when Drew Smith added a fourth before half time, Itchen's post Christmas hangover was complete.

An end to end second period saw numerous opportunities at both ends.

A fine display by Barton keeper Nathan Jones thwarted Itchen on several occasions whilst Wild continued to torment Itchen during a goal-less session.

Farnborough, meanwhile, have progressed to the semi-finals of the prestigious ESFA Under-18 Hudl Trophy after a 4-3 win over



Barton Peveril's Lewis Wild, left.

Exeter.

Jeevan Panesar gave FB a 1-0 interval lead - he smashed a shot into the top corner from the edge of the box - an advantage which Cam Smith doubled soon after the restart.

Interesting

When Jake Wilson rounded the Exeter 'keeper to make it 3-0, it looked all over bar the shouting, but the West Country visitors made things interesting when

they pulled a goal back.

Panesar scored the goal of the match with a 30 yard free kick in the top corner to make it 4-3.

Exeter refused to lie down and after grabbing two more goals in the last 12 minutes left Farnborough to overcome a nervy finish - but two good saves from Matt Russell ensured the North Hampshire college go into the semi-final hat.

If ESFA make the draw on a north/south basis, FB will play either Seevic or Palmers (Thur-

rock) for a place in the final.

● Four Hampshire college students aim for a place in the full English Colleges representative team at Lilleshall this weekend.

Nationwide

Itchen pair Jack Wilson and Jean-Luke Randim are joined by Barton Peveril's Alex Haynes and Portsmouth's Jordan N-Galo in the final nationwide 32 trials.

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| August | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 13 | Watford (h) | D 1-1 | Forster | Cedric+ | Targett | Van Dijk | Yoshida | Romeu | Davis | = W-Prowse | *Long | Tadic | Redmond 1 | +Pied | =Hojbjerg | *Austin |
| Fri 19 | Man Utd (a) | L 1-2 | Forster | Cedric | Targett | Van Dijk | Fonte | Romeu* | Hjoiberg | Davis= | Austin | Long+ | Redmond | +Rodriguez | =Austin | *Clasie |
| Sat 27 | Sunderland (h) | D1-1 | Forster | Cedric | Targett | Van Dijk | Fonte | Romeu | Hjoiberg* | Davis | Austin= | Tadic+ | Redmond | +Long | =Rodriguez | *W-Prowse |
| September | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 10 | Arsenal (a) | L 1-2 | Forster | Cedric | Bertrand | Van Dijk | Fonte | Romeu | Davis | Clasie* | Tadic1= | Rodriguez+ | Redmond | +Long | = W-Prowse | *Hjoiberg |
| Thurs 15 | Sp Prague (Eur Lge) (h) | W 3-0 | Forster | Martina | Targett | Van Dijk | Yoshida | Romeu= | W-Prowse | Hjoiberg | Tadic* | Austin 2+ | Long | +Rodriguez1 | = Davis | *Redmond |
| Sun 18 | Swansea (h) | W 1-0 | Forster | Cedric | Bertrand | Van Dijk | Fonte | Romeu | Davis | Clasie* | Tadic= | Long+ | Redmond | +Hjoiberg | =Martina | *Austin1 |
| Wed 21 | C Palace (Lge Cup, H) | W 2-0 | McCarthy | Martina | Targett | Yoshida | Fonte | W-Prowse | Reed | Clasie | Hesketh1* | Austin1+ | Long= | +Redmond | =Tadic | *Hjoiberg |
| Sun 25 | West Ham (a) | W 3-0 | Forster | Soares+ | Bertrand | Van Dijk | Fonte | Romeu | Davis | Hjoiberg | Tadic1* | Austin1= | Redmond | +Martina | =Long | *W-Prowse1 |
| Thurs 29 | Hapoel (Europa Lge) (a) | D 0-0 | Forster | Martina | Targett | Van Dijk | Yoshida | Romeu | W-Prowse | Clasie | Hesketh+ | Long | Redmond= | +Tadic | = Hjoiberg | |
| October | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 2 | Leicester (a) | D 0-0 | Forster | Soares+ | Bertrand | Van Dijk | Fonte | Romeu | Davis | Hojbjerg | Tadic* | Austin= | Redmond | + Martina | =W-Prowse | *Long |
| Sun 16 | Burnley (h) | W 3-1 | Forster | Martina | Targett+ | Van Dijk | Fonte | Romeu | Davis | Clasie | Tadic | Austin2= | Redmond1* | +McQueen | =Rodriguez | *W-Pr |
| Thurs 20 | Inter (Europa Lge, a) | L 0-1 | Forster | Martina | McQueen | Van Dijk | Yoshida | Romeu | W-Pr | Hojbjerg | Tadic* | Long+ | Rodriguez= | +Austin | =Davis | *Boufal |
| Sun 23 | Man City (a) | D 1-1 | Forster | Martina | McQueen | Van Dijk | Fonte | Romeu | Davis | Clasie+ | Tadic* | Austin= | Redmond1 | +Hojbjerg | =W-Prowse | * Boufal |
| Wed 26 | Sunderland (Lge Cup, h) | W 1-0 | McCarthy | Stephens | McQueen | Yoshida | Fonte | Reed + | W-Prowse | Boufal1 | Isgrove= | Hojbjerg | Rodriguez* | +Clasie | =Redmond | |
| Sun 30 | Chelsea (h) | L 0-2 | Forster | Martina | Bertrand+ | Van Dijk | Fonte | Romeu | Davis | Clasie* | Tadic= | Austin | Redmond | +McQueen | =Hojbjerg | *Boufal |
| November | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thurs 3 | Inter (Europa Lge) (h) | W 2-1 | Forster | Martina | McQueen | Van Dijk1 | Yoshida | Romeu | W-Prowse | Hojbjerg | Tadic+ | Rodriguez= | Redmond | +Davis | =Austin | |
| Sat 6 | Hull (a) | L 1-2 | Forster | Yoshida | Bertrand | Van Dijk | Fonte | Romeu | Davis | Clasie= | Tadic+ | Austin1 | Redmond* | +Boufal | =Rodriguez | *JWP |
| Sat 19 | Liverpool (h) | D 0-0 | Forster | Cedric | Bertrand | Van Dijk | Fonte | Romeu | Davis | Hojbjerg+ | Boufal= | Austin* | Redmond | + Reed | =Long | *Rodriguez |
| Thur 24 | Sp Prague (Eur Lge, a) | L 0-1 | Forster | Martina | McQueen | Van Dijk | Yoshida | Clasie+ | W-Prowse | Hojbjerg= | Long | Rodriguez* | Redmond | +Austin | =Boufal | *Romeu |
| Sun 27 | Everton (h) | W 1-0 | Forster | Cedric | Bertrand | Van Dijk | Fonte | Romeu | W-Prowse | Hojbjerg | Sims+ | Austin1= | Redmond* | +McQueen | =Long | *Clasie |
| Wed 30 | Arsenal (League Cup, a) | W 2-0 | Forster | Martina | Bertrand1 | Van Dijk | Yoshida | Clasie1 | Davis | Reed+ | Boufal= | Long | McQueen | +Hojbjerg | =Sims | |
| December | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 3 | Crystal Palace (a) | L 0-3 | Forster | Cedric | Bertrand | Van Dijk | Fonte | Romeu | W-Prowse | Hojbjerg+ | Boufal = | Austin* | Redmond | +Sims | =Long | *McQueen |
| Thurs 8 | Hapoel (Europa Lge, h) | D1-1 | Forster | Cedric | Bernard | Van Dijk1 | Yoshida | Romeu | Davis | Hojbjerg+ | Sims* | Austin= | Redmond | + W-Prowse | =Long | *Tadic |
| Sun 11 | Middlesbrough (h) | W 1-0 | Forster | Martina | McQueen | Van Dijk | Fonte | Romeu | W-Prowse | Clasie+ | Boufal1= | Rodriguez | Tadic* | +Long | =Davis | *Redmond |
| Wed 14 | Stoke (a) | D 0-0 | Forster | Martina* | Bertrand | Van Dijk | Fonte | Romeu | W-Prowse | Davis | Boufal | Long+ | Redmond= | +Rodriguez | =Tadic | *McQueen |
| Sun 18 | Bournemouth (a) | W 3-1 | Forster | Soares | Bertrand1 | Van Dijk | Yoshida | Reed+ | Hojbjerg | Clasie | Boufal* | Rodriguez2= | Redmond | +Davis | = Long | * Tadic |
| Wed 28 | Tottenham (h) | L 1-4 | Forster | Soares | Bertrand | Van Dijk1 | Fonte | Romeu | W-Prowse | Davis+ | Boufal= | Rodriguez* | Redmond | +Long | = Hjoiberg | *Tadic |
| Sat 31 | West Brom (h) | L 1-2 | Forster | Martina+ | McQueen | Van Dijk | Yoshida | Romeu | Hojbjerg= | Davis | Boufal | Long1 | Tadic* | +W-Prowse | =Rodriguez | *Sims |
| January | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 2 | Everton (a) | L 0-3 | Forster | Soares+ | McQueen | Yoshida | Fonte | Romeu | J W-Prowse | Clasie= | Tadic* | Rodriguez | Redmond | +Stephens | =Long | *Boufal |
| Sat 7 | Norwich (FAC) | (a) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 14 | Burnley | (a) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 21 | Leicester | (h) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tues 31 | Swansea | (a) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

CHERRIES FIXTURES 2016/17

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|----------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|-----|
| AUGUST | | 29 Middlesbrough (A) | L 0-2 | | | 4 Manchester United | (A) |
| 13 Man United (H) | L 1-3 | | | JANUARY | | 11 West Ham United | (H) |
| 20 West Ham United (A) | L 0-1 | NOVEMBER | | | | 18 Swansea City | (H) |
| 27 Crystal Palace (A) | D 1-1 | | | 2 Arsenal (H) | D 3-3 | | |
| | | 5 Sunderland (H) | L 1-2 | 14 Hull City | (A) | APRIL | |
| SEPTEMBER | | 19 Stoke City (A) | W 1-0 | 21 Watford | (H) | | |
| 10 West Bromwich (H) | W 1-0 | 27 Arsenal (A) | L 1-3 | 31 Crystal Palace | (H) | 1 Southampton | (A) |
| 17 Manchester City (A) | L 0-4 | | | | | 5 Liverpool | (A) |
| 20 Preston (H, League Cup) | L 2-3 | DECEMBER | | FEBRUARY | | 8 Chelsea | (H) |
| 24 Everton (H) | W 1-0 | | | | | 15 Tottenham | (A) |
| | | 4 Liverpool (H) | W 4-3 | 4 Everton | (A) | 22 Middlesbrough | (H) |
| OCTOBER | | 10 Burnley (A) | L 2-3 | 11 Manchester City | (H) | 29 Sunderland | (A) |
| | | 13 Leicester City (H) | W 1-0 | 25 West Bromwich | (A) | | |
| 1 Watford (A) | D 2-2 | 18 Southampton (H) | L 1-3 | | | MAY | |
| 15 Hull City (H) | W 6-1 | 26 Chelsea (A) | L 0-3 | MARCH | | 6 Stoke City | (H) |
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Who is the new Swans boss?

New Swansea boss Paul Clement has an impressive CV after winning some of football's biggest trophies during his coaching career, and he is hugely respected within the game.

Here, the Sports Pink lists five things you may not have known about the 44-year-old.

1 Clement is the brother of former West Brom defender Neil and son of former QPR and England defender Dave.

Unlike them, though, Clement's playing career did not progress beyond non-league level and he concentrated on coaching from the age of 23.

2 Clement worked at the Chelsea centre of excellence while at the same time holding down a job as PE teacher at Glenthorne High School in Sutton, Surrey.

3 Clement obtained a UEFA 'A' coaching licence in 1999 and qualified as a



Paul Clement

full-time coach a year later, when he made the short trip to Fulham to join their academy set-up.

He also worked with the Republic of Ireland Under-21 team and briefly coached under Steve Kean at Blackburn. Clement has since been involved with some of the biggest clubs in Europe.

4 Working as Carlo Ancelotti's number two at Chelsea, Paris St Germain, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich, Clement has enjoyed plenty of success.

Ancelotti has described Clement as "one of the most dynamic and intelligent coaches" he had worked with.

5 Before his ill-fated stint with Derby County, Clement was linked with the QPR and Sunderland jobs. He was sacked by the Rams with the club sitting fifth in the Championship following 14 league wins.

Top bosses who were never pros

By Simon Carter



Paul Clement's appointment as Swansea boss has given the Premier League another manager who never played the game professionally.

Here, the Sports Pink takes a look at five other figures who also defied the lack of a professional playing career to manage in the top flight of English football.

ANDRE VILLAS-BOAS

(Chelsea 2011-2012, Tottenham 2012-2013)

The Portuguese owes his coaching career to Bobby Robson. Starting as a teenager, he obtained his coaching qualifications while working under Robson at Porto.

He served as an assistant to Jose Mourinho before taking the top job at Liga side Academica aged just 32.

The following year he won the league and cup double and the Europa League in his one season at Porto before heading to Chelsea, where he was dubbed the new Mourinho.

But he lasted less than a season with the Blues, and little more than one at Tottenham, before stints at Zenit St Petersburg and, now, Shanghai SIPG.

BRENDAN RODGERS

(Swansea 2010-2012, Liverpool 2012-2015)

Rodgers was a professional with Reading, but never played a competitive game before knee problems forced his retirement aged 20.

He made his name at the Chelsea Academy, again under Mourinho, before brief stints as boss at Watford and Reading.

He led Swansea to promotion to the Premier League and his success in Wales earned him the Liverpool job, where he came within a whisker of winning the league title in 2014.

He was sacked in 2015, taking the Celtic job last summer.

AVRAM GRANT

(Chelsea 2007-2008, Portsmouth 2009-2010, West Ham 2010-2011)

The Israeli began his coaching career in his teens, working his way up to become manager of Hapoel Petah Tikva. Two separate



Former England manager Roy Hodgson, right, with Saints director Les Reed. Below, Lawrie McMenemy.



spells at Maccabi Tel Aviv and Maccabi Haifa, as well as a four-year stint in charge of the Israel national team, followed, before in 2006 taking up a technical director role at Portsmouth.

In 2007 he became director of football at Chelsea and took over as boss that September following Mourinho's exit.

An unpopular appointment

with fans, he still led the club to the 2008 Champions League final, which they lost on penalties to Manchester United, before he was dismissed at the end of the season.

Short spells at Portsmouth, whom he led to the FA Cup final, and West Ham followed, while he is now coach of Ghana.

ROY HODGSON

(Blackburn 1997-98, Fulham 2007-2010, Liverpool 2010-2011, West Brom 2011-2012)

After failing to break into the Crystal Palace first team, Hodgson dropped into non-league, beginning his managerial career with Halmstad in Sweden in 1976.

He has since coached across Europe and beyond, including the national teams of Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, Finland and, most recently, England.

His greatest success with a Pre-

mier League club came at Fulham, whom he improbably saved from relegation in 2008 and led to the Europa League final in 2010.

RON NOADES

(Crystal Palace 1998)

The former Palace owner and chairman, who died aged 76 just over three years ago, had a brief spell as caretaker manager of the Eagles. He took charge for two matches after their relegation from the Premier League was confirmed, after Attilio Lombardo's seven-game stint in charge was brought to an abrupt end.

● In addition, the most successful manager in Saints' history - Lawrie McMenemy - never played a professional game either. That didn't stop him winning the Fourth Division title with both Doncaster and Grimsby, before going on to lift the FA Cup with Saints.

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Super rise of the Chinese league

By Mark
Manns-Bryan

With the European transfer window open, the Chinese Super League is expected to tempt more big names with its riches.

The free-spending teams of the division are targeting some of the game's biggest stars, with the likes of Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo and Dortmund's Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang the most recent names to be linked.

But what is the history behind the Super League and can its recent growth continue exponentially and go unchecked? Here, the Sports Pink answer the key questions.

Is the Chinese Super League a new idea?

Only relatively. The origins of the Super League lie in a rebranding of the football pyramid in China which came about in 2004.

In the inaugural season, 12 teams contested, with the league expanding to 16 sides in the current format.

Much of this went largely unnoticed throughout the world of football. That was until last year when the Chinese government set out on a path to turn the country into a super-power of the game.

Targeting qualification to World Cups by developing their own national talent, as well as hosting the finals, the companies that own the 16 Super League clubs have looked to garner favour by attracting big names and investing more in the game at grassroots level - one of the ultimate aims of China's president Xi Jinping.

So, that is why the clubs can afford to pay huge fees?

Pretty much.

Last January was a watershed moment as, unlike with other failed attempts to kick-start a football revolution across the globe, Super League outfits were able to attract big-name talent still at their peak and coveted by other, more traditional clubs.

Both Didier Drogba and Nicolas Anelka had turned out for Shanghai Shenhua previously but they were long-gone before the boom.

A year ago, the likes of Jackson Martinez, Ramires of Chelsea,



Graziano Pelle scores his final goal for Saints against Palace last May before moving to China.

Gervinho and Alex Teixeira all opted to relocate to China, with Hebei China Fortune's signing of Ezequiel Lavezzi from Paris St Germain arguably the most eye-catching deal.

Managers have also been attracted to China, with a host of successful coaches now playing their trade in the Super League such as Luiz Felipe Scolari, Andre Villas-Boas, Gus Poyet, Manuel Pellegrini, Felix Magath and Fabio Cannavaro.

That is just one window, though?

There was another big deal to be made during the summer window as Brazil forward Hulk moved to Shanghai SIPG from Zenit.

The deal broke the transfer record in Chinese football and Hulk became one of the best-paid players in the world as a result.

That move was followed by

Saints striker Graziano Pelle moving to Shendong for £13m - and a phenomenal weekly wage believed to be over £200,000, making him one of the most highly paid players in the world.

This January has already seen Oscar and John Obi Mikel depart Chelsea for Super League clubs, while Axel Witsel claims to have turned down a move to Juventus to join Tianjin Quanjian.

The biggest signing was that of former Manchester United, Manchester City and Juventus striker Carlos Tevez, who joined Shenhua on a deal believed to net the 32-year-old in excess of £600,000 a week.

So does that mean the Super League will just continue to grow?

Not quite.

There is already a cap on the number of overseas players each

squad can register, with clubs allowed four foreign players and one from another Asian Football Confederation member country.

But clubs can still spend what they want on those overseas stars?

For the time being, yes.

But China's General Administration of Sport has recently accused Super League clubs of "burning money" and suggested it will look at capping big spending in the future to "ensure favourable financial conditions."

The introduction of such measures is likely to see an end to constant increases in transfer fees and wages as the league levels out and President Jinping's ambitions of homegrown players improving and being given the chance to play alongside some elite stars will bear fruit.

The Bridge exodus ...

John Obi Mikel has become the latest Chelsea player to join the Chinese Super League revolution after announcing he was ending a 10-year stay at Stamford Bridge to sign for Tianjin TEDA.

He is not the first Blues player to walk away from Stamford Bridge and end up in the Asian country.

Here are the others:

NICOLAS ANELKA

Submitted a transfer request to leave Chelsea in December 2011 and signed for Shanghai Shenhua the following month. Scored just three times in 22 appearances before going on loan to Juventus the following year.

DIDIER DROGBA

Carried Chelsea to Champions League glory before opting to join Anelka at Shanghai Shenhua. Scored eight times from 11 appearances but, despite signing a two-and-a-half-year deal, he signed for Galatasaray six months after his arrival in China. Returned to Chelsea to great fanfare for the 2014-15 season.

DEMBA BA

Joined Shanghai Shenhua 18 months ago from Besiktas on a three-year deal with an annual salary reported to be worth more than £5million. Scored 14 times in 18 matches last year before suffering a horrible leg break in July.



Mikel John Obi.

RAMIRES

Signed for Jiangsu Suning from Chelsea 12 months ago in a deal believed to be worth £25million - a Chinese Super League record that would be broken twice in the following 10 days. The Brazilian midfielder was sent off on his debut but helped his new club finish runner-up to Guangzhou Evergrande in the league.

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Joined Brazilian compatriot Ramires out of the door at Stamford Bridge last month after finding himself out of favour with manager Antonio Conte. However, Chelsea cashed in as they received a reported £52million from Shanghai SIPG, which gave the Blues a handsome profit of around £30million on the midfielder they bought from Brazilian club Internacional in 2012.



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Du Plessis: I care for Kyle

South Africa captain Faf du Plessis was disappointed with Kyle Abbott's decision.

He said: "I care so much about him and I want him to play well for South Africa, I want him to do well, I want him to perform on the biggest stage in the world because I feel he's an amazing cricketer and there's no better place to do it than play international cricket."

"We did get together, spoke to Kyle, tried to change his mind, but Kyle's already set up exactly what he wanted to do."

Abbott, who previously played for Hampshire as an overseas player in 2014, made 10 Test appearances alongside 28 in one-day internationals and 21 in T20 internationals.

Abbott confirmed he made his decision five months ago and added: "There were a couple of evenings when I went to sleep thinking, 'have I made the right decision?' but I've always woken up the next morning going, 'actually I have'."



Kyle Abbott

"I don't think anyone can question my commitment to South Africa."

"If I wasn't committed I would have done this a long time ago."

Rossouw had played 51 limited-overs internationals but had yet to make his Test debut.

CSA chief executive Haroon Lorgat had said in a statement that it was "a disappointing day not just for South African cricket but also for international cricket".

In the press conference, he added: "If somebody gives up their right to play for the Proteas I'm afraid there's not much more we can do."

"We invest huge sums of money in every individual and we take Rilee by way of example."

"The last I don't know how many months we've been treating his injuries and investing in him and sadly there's no return for us in the years to come."

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Kyle and Rilee

By Simon
Walter



HAMPSHIRE'S latest adopted South Africans promise much for 2017.

If they are half as successful as the likes of Barry Richards, Robin Smith, Neil McKenzie and Nic Pothas, Kyle Abbott and Rilee Rossouw will prove to be excellent signings.

Their move to The Ageas Bowl was the talk of South Africa when the news was confirmed after the Proteas' second Test against Sri Lanka on Wednesday.

Abbott broke down in tears as he explained why he was giving up his South Africa career to return to the county he helped to promotion in 2014.

Both were trending on South African Twitter feeds for most of Thursday, while Rossouw's decision drew the ire of the South Africa coach Russell Domingo, who in an interview with Cricinfo, fumed: "Some of us have tried to get hold of him, and this is the truth, we got an email from him off his iPhone telling us he's signed Kolpak."

"He spelt my name wrong for starters. He wrote one L instead of two. That's where we are. I am bitterly disappointed in him. That's the bottom truth. He toured Australia as the back-up Test batsman. He was the next batsman in."

The anger that Rossouw's decision provoked has echoes of Kevin Pietersen's decision to move to Nottinghamshire and qualify for England, arguably more so given that he has already played 51 limited-overs internationals and is still only 27.

There is no doubt that South Africa's loss is Hampshire's gain.

Little more than three months ago Giles White's side was reeling from relegation, two years after Abbott helped them to promotion.

Now, following their reprieve at Durham's expense, they have a squad well capable of finishing in the top half of the County Championship.

Hampshire's double swoop has also drawn criticism in England, particularly from Durham fans furious that a county with a reputation for consistently producing England players has been penalised in favour of a county now bringing in overseas players on top of Australian George Bailey.

Hampshire have other Kolpak players in their ranks in Fidel Edwards and Brad Wheel while Sean Ervine gave up his Zimbabwe career for Hampshire more than a decade ago.

Nine years after Northampton-



Kyle Abbott celebrates one of his 36 Championship wickets for Hampshire in 2014, against Leicestershire at Grace Road.

shire and Leicestershire fielded 13 Kolpak players between them, Hampshire have been branded the new 'Kolpakshire' by some.

They have added Abbott and Rossouw to a squad already including Fidel Edwards, a year after Tino Best's chequered season at The Ageas Bowl.

With their international careers over, Edwards and Best cap-

italised on the Kolpak ruling in the twilight of their careers.

But Abbott, 29, and Rossouw, 27, no doubt aware that Brexit may well bring to an end the EU-trade loophole allowing West Indians South Africans and Zimbabweans to play county cricket as non-overseas players, arrive at their peak.

Pothas and McKenzie were

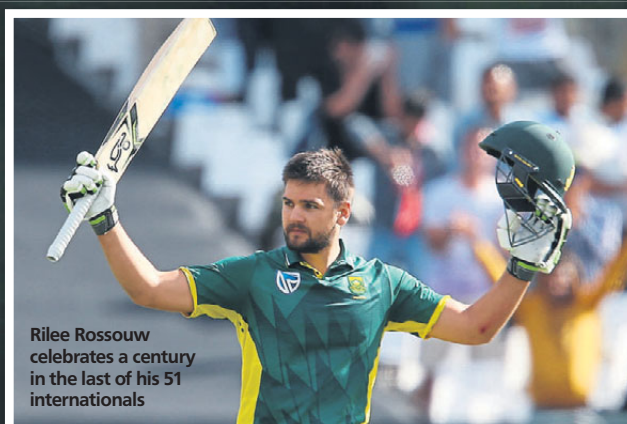
Hampshire's last Kolpak signings.

Pothas's case was slightly different in that he also had a Greek passport which enabled him to be England-qualified before the end of his career.

They were both South Africa internationals, but Pothas had played the last of his three one-day internationals 18 months

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promise much



Rilee Rossouw celebrates a century in the last of his 51 internationals



Hampshire's Neil McKenzie during the 2010 T20 final at The Rose Bowl



Nic Pothas with Kevin Pietersen after Hampshire's C & G Trophy win in 2005.

before signing and McKenzie's international career was effectively over after 58 Tests and 64 one-dayers.

Abbott likened South Africa's fast bowling resources to the wicketkeeping strength that persuaded Pothas to move to Hampshire when he said: "The guys that were ahead of me [Steyn, Philander and Morkel], how can I

argue their place in the side?

"It's like the Boucher period, where no other keeper can get in ahead of him." But unlike Pothas and McKenzie, Abbott and Rossouw have made the move at a time when they are key players in South Africa's current set-up.

It is not the first time Hampshire director of cricket Giles

White has made a double Kolpak swoop.

Six years ago, he signed batsman Johann Myburgh and seamer Friedel de Wet, but both were released at the end of the 2011 season.

Myburgh has since made a name for himself at Somerset but De Wet, who had played two Tests, only played six more first-class

matches.

Myburgh and De Wet were relatively unknown at the time but Hampshire know all about Abbott, who took 36 Championship wickets at 20.33 in nine division two matches in 2014.

He is also the reason Hampshire have signed his friend and former Proteas teammate Rossouw.

Last year I was fortunate to meet the esteemed former Times cricket correspondent John Woodcock, a Hampshire vice-president from Longparish, who described the county as a League of Nations side.

It is true to say that Gareth Berg was also born in South Africa, while Ervine has been a mainstay since 2005 and Brad Wheal will be around for a long while yet, having left South Africa as a teenager two years ago.

But no-one can accuse Hampshire of not producing English talent. Liam Dawson and James Vince have played for England in all formats in the last year, with the former now in India with the limited-overs squad.

And in Lewis McManus, Tom Alsop, Mason Crane, Brad Taylor and Joe Weatherley, they have five players with the potential to emulate the class of 2010, when the likes of Chris Wood, Danny Briggs and Michael Bates helped the county to T20 success.

McKenzie and Pothas were both key mentors in the development of those players.

No doubt Brad Wheal will thrive as an understudy to Abbott and Reece Topley should also benefit.

With an increasing number of players away with England and England Lions, Hampshire needed additions, especially after the lessons of last seasons, when injuries decimated a thin squad.

It is good to see that chairman Rod Bransgrove remains as ambitious as ever after more than 15 years in the role.

He has been as good as his word, having spoken of the need for investment in the playing resources at the end of last season.

With a second overseas player to come for the Natwest T20 Blast and Michael Carberry progressing well in his battle against cancer - he hopes to return to training soon following a successful operation - there is much to look forward to. There is certainly no shortage of competition for places. Appetites have been well and truly whetted ahead of the opening game of the season against Yorkshire at Headingley on April 7.

Hampshire squad: Adams, Alsop, Carberry, Rossouw, Bailey, Vince, Dawson, Smith, Weatherley, McManus, Abbott, Wheal, Berg, Topley, Edwards, Stevenson, Crane, Taylor.

Duo's Twitter welcome

HAMPSHIRE'S cricketers welcomed new signings Kyle Abbott and Rilee Rossouw on social media.

They were first told the news via the club's Whatsapp group and took to Twitter to welcome the return of Abbott and the forthcoming arrival of Rossouw.

Mason Crane: "Really excited to see @Kyle_Abbott87 and @Rileerr perform for the rose and crown! Even more buzzing for the season!!"

Tom Alsop: Awesome signings exciting times ahead for @hantscricket with @Rileerr & @Kyle_Abbott87.

Chris Wood: Excited for the 2017 season is a understatement! Welcome @Kyle_Abbott87 and @Rileerr big year for @hantscricket ahead.

Will Smith: Very excited by the signings of @Kyle_Abbott87 @ @Rileerr. Good times ahead for @hantscricket, roll on the 2017 season!

Liam Dawson: 2 superb signings for @hantscricket welcome @Rileerr and great to have @Kyle_Abbott87



James Vince.

back.

Lewis McManus: Very exciting to have @Kyle_Abbott87 & @Rileerr join @hantscricket Great additions to our squad #Rose&Crown.

James Vince: Brilliant to have @Kyle_Abbott87 and @Rileerr joining us @hantscricket. A very exciting squad coming together.

In a statement, Rossouw said: "Moving to England will give me and my family the long-term career security that I believe is important at this stage of my life.

"I have loved representing the Proteas and will watch from afar with great affection every time they take the field, but I am hugely dedicated to making Hampshire cricket successful.

"The move to England and Hampshire Cricket is one I can't wait to get underway. Playing county cricket is a challenge most cricketers want at some stage in their careers and I am delighted to join a county with as strong pedigree as Hampshire."

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